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Herzog and Mulroney pose for photographers outside 24 Sussex Drive before a private luncheon. [Howard Kay photo]

Israeli President Chaim Herzog inspects the Governor-General's honor guard at Government House. [Howard Kay photo]

President addresses Parliament

Herzog defends Israel's handling of intifada

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

Israeli President Chaim Herzog eloquently defended his country's handling of the Palestinian uprising in his address to a joint session of Parliament, blaming the criticism Israel has received on distortion by the foreign media and superficial understanding in the West of the Middle East.

He accused the civilized world of turning a blind eye on the carnage in Lebanon, while focussing attention on stone-throwing in the territories.

"In the cruel distorted, prejudiced coverage by the media of events in the Middle East, the slaughter in Beirut does not warrant the coverage given to children throwing stones in some West Bank village," Herzog said to the assembled members of the House of Commons and Senate.

"Remember, what for others is a matter of foreign policy, is for us a matter of existence. In the current outbreak of civil unrest in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, the choice facing us is unfortunately not between law and order on the one hand, and negotiations on the other hand.

"The choice is between maintaining law and order as a basis for bilateral negotiations, or allowing the situation to deteriorate into a new edition of Beirut or Teheran. That is the cruel choice which faces us today."

Herzog doubted that any other country could have maintained "law and order" under similar circumstances without the use of force.

"What other armed forces in the world than ours would exercise more restraint in coping with a society that cynically and cruelly sends its children to carry out acts of violence endangering life on both sides?...

"I believe that given all the difficulties and with all our shortcomings our society has shown as much maturity and humanity as any other society in similar circumstances."

Herzog said Israel "dare not underestimate the feelings expressed in the unrest, nor should we sanguinely expect it simply to fade away. Irrational and self-destroying persistence has tragically marked previous Arab attacks on Israel."

He said half of the Palestinian casualties this year in the uprising were inflicted by Palestinians.

Herzog received two standing ovations from both the MPs and senators and the representatives of the Jewish community who filled the visitors' galleries. One MP who pointedly did not applaud was Liberal Marcel Prud'homme, a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause. His front bench seat is just four seats away from the Speaker's chair.

Herzog called Prime Minister Brian Mulroney "a tried and trusted friend of our people and country" and invited him to visit Israel.

He said Israel deeply regrets the bloodshed incurred in putting down the unrest, and has no desire to rule another people.

A large proportion of Palestinians in the territories would accept Israel's latest peace plan, involving election by the Palestinians of their own representatives, Herzog said, but they risk death at the hands of their own people if they express support.

He said the PLO's avowed recognition of Israel cannot be taken seriously as long as the

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Pledges continued support for Israel

PM calls for moderation

OTTAWA —

While Canadians sympathize with Israel, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said they urge Israel to follow "moderation and reasonableness in the belief that ultimately such a policy will bring about an equally responsible attitude on the other side."

In a carefully worded address to a joint session of Parliament before President Chaim Herzog spoke, Mulroney said "the values on which Israel was founded, and which have been tempered in the fire of her national experience, have never been tested more than at this moment.

"Canadians are deeply concerned because of their friendship for Israel and because of their profound conviction that human rights must be respected," he said.

Mulroney reminded Herzog of his own words when he said: "Israel must be the absolute denial of the theories of discrimination and racism, the loss of human dignity and the negation of man's honor."

The Prime Minister went on, "The death of a child — Israeli or Palestinian — is an overwhelming human tragedy. Forebearance and restraint — even in the face of intense provocation — are the hallmarks of a strong and confident nation."

Canada is "more anxious than ever" to help Israel and its Arab neighbors find a peace settlement based on both their "security, well being and legitimate rights," Mulroney said, pledging Canada's "unswerving commitment" to Israel's status as a "legitimate and independent state."

He said the Israeli government's proposed holding of elections in the territories will enable the Palestinians to make their views known clearly and could break the "cycle of violence."

He said Canada believes that "in exchange for occupied territories, Israel's legitimate rights will be recognized by its neighbors."

He said Canada is "encouraged" that the Palestinians and Arab countries have demonstrated "the essential pre-condition" of their recognizing unequivocally Israel's right to exist is being met.

"Our conviction is that recognition and respect for Israel's rights is the essential counterpart for the Palestinians realizing their own legitimate rights, including the right to participate fully in the determination of their own destiny and future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

Mulroney also praised the contribution of Jews to Canada. "There is hardly a dimension of our national life, from the arts and research to medicine, the humanities, commerce, politics, labor and the law, that has not been improved and enriched because of the dynamic presence of a large and impressive Jewish community in Canada."

Many of those accomplished individuals were among the invited guests in the galleries that morning.

Mulroney also called the creation of the State of Israel "one of the epochal events of this century...Israel is a tribute to the deep spiritual beliefs and the unfailing personal courage of a remarkable people. Israel is a monument to the indomitable spirit of man."

Mulroney hosted Herzog at a private luncheon at 24 Sussex Drive. Although Mulroney did not meet with reporters afterward, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, who also attended the lunch, told The CJN later that questionable actions by Israel in the territories which have been cited by Amnesty International and that may contravene the Geneva Convention were discussed.

Clark called the meeting "frank and constructive" and said he thinks the Israeli government is ready to "deal directly" with Canada's concerns. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's peace plan is "encouraging, but still a long way to the end of the process," he said.

An aide to Herzog, who did not want to be identified, said Herzog took no offence from Mulroney's reference to the death of children because Israelis feel the same way.

On the contrary, he said Herzog was "tremendously impressed" with Mulroney and the sympathy of Canada, speaking of Mulroney in "superlatives."

At his meeting with Herzog, Liberal leader

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Entering York University's Convocation Hall to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree, President Herzog (left) is escorted by (from left) Prof. Irving Abella, North York Mayor Mel Lastman and Barbara McDougall, minister of employment and immigration. [Graphic Artists photo]

World-National

Good people taught me rabbi's role

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

While the S.S. St. Louis was being turned back from Cuba, the U.S. and Canada, I was being ordained a rabbi in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was the spring of 1939.

I was a greenhorn in America and had very little idea of what the rabbinate required. On September 1, my wife and I arrived in Chicago, where I was to be the assistant rabbi at a West Side temple. It was the very day the Germans moved into Poland and started what was to become World War II. It seemed like the worst of times to begin my service.

Rabbi Plaut

Yet, with Dickens I could also have said (I didn't, because I was unacquainted with his books) that it was also the best of times, for rabbis filled a pressing need. The Jewish people were about to approach the gates of Gehinnom, war was engulfing the world, and though I was in those days quite innocent of the larger world and its complex motions, I had a pervasive sense of urgency and challenge. My enthusiasm was unbounded, and there was no limit to the hours I was prepared to spend.

Shovelled coal

Nor was the work itself "rabbinic" at all times. When the janitor of the shul was absent while indulging his alcoholic whims, I was detailed to shovel coal for the temple boiler, arrange the chairs for the meeting and open up the place. I had no second thoughts about it and certainly did not feel demeaned. On the contrary, it was good to do something the results of which you could see (or feel) at once.

We had no car in those days. With the end of the Great Depression, automobile prices were shooting up again and were quite out of reach for us. Visiting the sick in the large city became therefore a day's enterprise, with hours spent waiting for street cars, buses and elevated trains — though economic considerations forced me to favor street cars, for they cost only seven cents, while buses were a cent higher and the "El" a whole dime (which could buy half a pound of coffee).

To be sure, I was taken aback when, three months after I had started, the temple president informed me that the shul was out of money and could not pay my salary, but that he would be glad to arrange a bank loan for us. Also, he said, it was time that I spent more time on making house and office calls to collect outstanding dues and make greater efforts to increase the temple's membership. None of this had been taught me at Hebrew Union College.

Eye opener

After I had labored for six months the congregational board let me know that they were quite dissatisfied with me. Finances had not visibly improved, the membership roster had not grown, and they were wondering why they had engaged an assistant rabbi altogether.

In retrospect one would think that, for me, this should have been an eye opener. But it really wasn't. My wife and I had no experience in this respect; she spent her days working for the school and for Sisterhood and I was riding streetcars, visiting hospitals and potential members. I read services but preached only once a month, assiduously preparing my sermon, with my wife as helpful critic and English stylist. Occasionally I had a funeral or a wedding; we founded a young marrieds' group (which my most recent reports tell me is still in existence, though the members can no longer be described as young). At night I read — there was much English literature to discover; I studied Jewish sources, and began to write my first articles.

It turned out that the school of hard knocks was ultimately a good one. I served good, simple people, and in the end it was they who taught me the privilege of being a rabbi.

Moshe Arad to remain in Washington

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Moshe Arad, says that he will remain in Washington until the summer of 1990. In an interview, the career diplomat expressed his deep resentment over widespread news media reports in Israel that he might be replaced earlier by a political appointee.

Moshe Arad

Arad, who has been in Washington for two years after serving as Israel's ambassador to Mexico, said that he has been assured by both Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens of their full confidence.

The envoy, sitting in his Washington office, was responding to suggestions in the Israeli press that Likud Member of Knesset Ehud Olmert and other political appointees were being considered for the important Washington post.

"Reports of my imminent departure, I would say, are rather premature," Arad said with a smile.

The press speculation in Israel, Arad said, has hurt him and the embassy in Washington. "Of course," he said, "it's overblown in Israel; it consumes a lot of attention. But I would be less than candid if I did not tell you that this actually is cutting the branch where the Israeli Embassy and ambassador are standing. It undermines our capacity and, of course, it raises questions.

"This is at a time when contacts are critical, where communication is extremely important, and we have to maintain channels of communication. Therefore, I think it's very shortsighted and detrimental to the interests of Israel. I'm not speaking now of the Israeli ambassador; I am speaking about Israel's interests."

The Bush administration, by all accounts, continues to engage in important diplomatic dealings with Israel through Arad and the Embassy in Washinton. He has been able to get speedy appointments whenever necessary with Secretary of State James Baker, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and other senior officials. His phone calls are quickly returned.

Since arriving in Washington, Arad, in fact, has spent a great deal of time with a wide range of Democratic and Republican lawmakers. He has developed especially close ties to such diverse senators as Republicans Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota and Bob Kasten of Wisconsin and Democrats Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

"I spend a lot of time with people in Congress," he said. "Every week at least a day or two of my work is scheduled on the Hill."

Arad strongly resented the charges that have surfaced in Israel that he was supposedly not visible enough in the United States, especially on television.

"That's not fair," he said. "I have been on numerous shows, from 'Nightline' to 'Evans and Novak,' from 'Good Morning America' to CNN's 'Newsmaker.' "

The ambassador spends a great deal of his time with the news media, but often in background briefings for columnists and commentators. In recent weeks, he has met with the editorial boards of The Boston Globe, The Los Angeles Times, The Houston Post, and The San Francisco Examiner.

The ambassador said that the Bush administration regards the Israeli peace initiative as "very imaginative" and "far-reaching." He said that "friends of Israel realize that the Israeli initiative carries with it certain dangers. But they are worth taking."

The administration "is now trying to gather support for the Israeli initiative," he said.

The recent letter to Baker signed by 95 senators, he added, was "extremely important in sending a message to the administration and to our friends all around the country." It showed that "support for Israel in the Senate and Congress continues to be strong, and that Israel has committed friends who are willing to sustain and express their support in our time of crisis."

The letter also showed that the Senate "is interested in being a partner in the dealings between the U.S. and Israel. That's a message."

What Arad did not say, but is well-known in Washington, is that his Embassy played an important role behind the scenes in promoting that letter.

Gorbachev seen as revolution's pied piper

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

In June 1987, a Western diplomat stationed in East Berlin went to the infamous wall and held his breath. Something momentous was happening. The music from a rock concert in West Berlin had drawn hundreds of East Berliners to the wall. They surged towards the music shouting "The wall must go," but then, rebuffed, changed their direction and their chant. Marching on the Soviet Embassy, they shouted, "Gorbachev, Gorbachev." As China has proved, the Soviet leader is the Pied Piper of revolution.

In Germany, the authorities soon regained control and a dangerous moment passed. But the diplomat wondered what would have happened if East Berlin youths had tried to get to the west and, even more perilously, West Berliners had tried to help them? In his poem "The Second Coming," William Butler Yeats may have provided the answer: "Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold."

That incident was a precursor of what was to happen in China — another reminder that the collapse of the old order can bring unpredictable consequences. But events in China, for all their drama, are somewhat peripheral. China is no threat to the west. None of its missiles can reach an American city.

Not so the Soviet Union. Internally, it is in turmoil and, maybe more ominously, its Eastern European empire is convulsing. As in China, reform has yet to produce tangible results. As in China, a young generation is restless, both heady on democracy and too young to have experienced the penalties for dissent. In both areas, this yearning for both democracy and material goods is expressed by what the Germans call "Gorby fever," a romantic, naive idolization of the Soviet leader.

China also showed the power of television. As Marshall McLuhan might have put it, when the authorities lost control of the medium, they lost control of the message. After Chinese journalists insisted on covering events in Tiananmen Square, all China could see what was going on. It is no accident that before troops moved in, the authorities pulled the plug. Unlike Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley in 1968, the Chinese authorities cared that the whole world was watching.

Together, we have a combustible mixture: Gorbachev and television. If anything, the two have even more impact in Eastern Europe. (East Germans, for instance, can watch West German television.) The more Gorbachev relents, the more he shreds the Iron Curtain, the greater the chances that the explosively unpredictable will happen — and the reaction to it, both in the West and the East, will be equally unpredictable.

But among the images television brought us recently, one in particular jarred: President Bush playing golf at Kennebunkport. Surely this President, a wordly man, knows the old order is collapsing. But he has chosen the role of a spectator who seems, really, befuddled by world events. He has reason. As leader of a triumphant democracy, he visited China and had the impact of an ordinary tourist. Gorbachev made the same trip and nothing has been the same since.

The more Gorbachev liberalizes, the more unpredictable the situation becomes. We do not know how the Soviets will react to threatening, as opposed to benign, reforms in Eastern Europe. We no longer know what they perceive as essential. It no longer seems to be one-party governments in their old satellites. It is no longer orthodox communism. What, then, is it? Maybe even Gorbachev does not know. For understandable reasons, Bush moves cautiously.

But the fear the Bush administration has expressed is not of the unknown, but of the known: the old Russian game of saying one thing and doing another or of reverting to a Stalin-style regime. The real threat to world peace, though, is that none of that will happen.

Instead, the danger is that the collapse of the old Soviet empire will trigger an explosive event: a China in Eastern Europe that will catch both the United States and the Soviet Union by surprise.

By failing to enunciate what is sometimes called a world view, the President only adds to the uncertainty. What do we want? What shall the new world look like? In the case of Gorbachev, it's not even clear if we are willing to work with him, against him or both. Do we wish him well or do we, instead, long for his failure and thus a return to the more predictable superpower arrangement? The structure that the Cold War provided the Western alliance has been removed. In its place is not even the scaffolding of a new idea.

The incident at the Berlin wall was a warning. Nowadays, the chant of "Gorbachev" might be taken up by West Berliners as well. Deprived of leadership, they might take matters into their own hands. It happened in China, and it could happen in Europe. In more than one way, the new day begins in the East.

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Settlers, Palestinians take extreme action

Vigilantism on both sides said to be increasing

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Extremism seems to be rising on both sides of the Palestinian uprising.

It is manifested by increased vigilantism among Jewish settlers in the territories and a literal reign of terror by the leaders of the uprising against Palestinians suspected of collaboration with Israel.

Rabbi Yehuda Amital, a moderate Orthodox leader and eminent scholar, is the latest Israeli public figure to voice concern over the behavior of hard-line settlers.

Amital, who heads a yeshiva in the Etzion Bloc, south of Jerusalem, warned last week that the formation of a new Jewish underground prone to violence against Arabs is imminent.

Such a group was broken up by the authorities in 1984, when nearly 30 Jews, mostly West Bank settlers, were convicted of violent crimes against Arabs and sentenced to prison terms.

Now, according to Amital, "a dangerous and fanatic new underground" is forming in the ranks of the militant Gush Emunim settlers movement.

Its members do not accept the rule of law or the authority of rabbis, but act according to their own laws, he said.

Amital's was but one of several such warnings heard since the outburst of settler violence last week after the funeral of a settler from Ariel. The settler, Frederick Rosenfeld, was murdered by Arabs while hiking on June 17.

Knesset member Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement claimed last week that Israel stands on the brink of civil strife.

Referring to the militant settlers, Sarid, said, "There are arms, there are arms-bearers and there is a sympathetic environment, there is a local leadership and a political lobby in the Knesset."

Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, a Gush Emunim moderate from the West Bank settlement of Ofra, spoke of the need to end the "Jewish intifada," in addition to curbing the Palestinians.

An angry mourner is restrained from rushing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at the burial of U.S.-born Frederick Slaven Rosenfeld, knifed to death June 17 by Palestinians near the West Bank settlement of Ariel.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was verbally abused and physically threatened by settlers when he tried to speak at Rosenfeld's funeral, received a group of settlers at his office last week.

The delegation, which included a local mayor and two rabbis, apologized for the misconduct of their colleagues.

Shamir stressed the need for unity at a time when the nation is, in his words, locked in confrontation with outsiders intent on Israel's destruction.

On the Palestinian side, efforts to maintain unity include wanton murder.

Two Palestinians suspected of having collaborated with Israeli authorities were brutally slain early last week.

The body of a young woman was found in the Nablus casbah — the walled-in, older part of town.

The body of a 22-year-old Arab man, identified as Nidal Salbub, was found in the courtyard of a school in Nablus.

People who knew him said that last year he had joined dozens of other Palestinian "penitents" who took an oath at the Nasser Mosque no longer to cooperate with the Israeli authorities. Nevertheless, he was killed.

Meanwhile, a Tel Aviv district court judge imposed a life sentence on Mohammad Abdul Rahman of the Jabalya refugee camp for the murder of an Israeli pedestrian on a Tel Aviv street three months ago.

The victim, Dr. Moshe Schalinger, was stabbed to death. His assailant wounded two passers-by.

Jewish settler sought in death of Palestinian

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Police said last week that they have "conclusive evidence" that a Jewish settler deliberately shot a Palestinian to death in Bani Zeit village in the West Bank two weeks ago.

Meir Berg, a Hebrew University employee who lives in Pesagot, near Ramallah in the West Bank, is in custody for the murder of Aziz Khamis Arar, 22, of Bani Zeit.

Also being held is Ariel Begun, a yeshiva student from Beit El settlement and the son of former Soviet Jewish Refusenik Dov Begun, who immigrated to Israel.

Begun is accused of firing on houses in the Arab village and causing property damage. Both Berg and Begun carried M-16 rifles.

The two were among 11 settlers arrested after a hike that ended in a clash with Arab stone throwers and the death of Arar.

The demonstrative hiking was begun last week in response to the murder of hiker Frederick Rosenfeld, a resident of Ariel, who was stabbed to death on June 17 by three Arabs from the neighboring village of Burkin.

The police said on-site evidence gathered by the criminal investigation department, plus the eyewitness account of a minor who was a member of the hiking party, conclusively refuted the settlers' story that they opened fire only after they were stoned by Arab villagers and had their lives threatened.

According to the police, the charges against Berg are not based on testimony supplied by Arabs.

They said they confirmed that the hikers had been attacked with stones in an olive grove near the village.

But Berg opened fire well after the group was out of danger, the police investigators said. He aimed at the Palestinians from a distance of 60 meters, they said, contradicting his claim of self-defence.

Of the 11 arrested, four were released immediately and the other five were expected to be released soon afterwards.

The police stressed that the investigation has not been completed and it is too early to say the case has been solved.

Terrorists are suspected in stabbing of professor

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Police believe terrorism was behind the fatal stabbing of Prof. Menahem Stern in the Valley of the Cross last week. But no suspects are being held and no progress has been made in finding the killer.

Stern, 64, was stabbed five times on his way to work at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus. No terrorist organization has yet taken responsibility for the attack.

A police spokesman said it was still possible that the murder was carried out by a madman, but terrorism was most likely. He did not elaborate.

Stern was a tenured professor of Jewish history at the Hebrew University, and considered an authority on Hellenistic and Roman culture and an expert on the period of the Second Temple.

Stern was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for Jewish history in 1977. He had been a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences since 1978.

Stern was also chairman of the Israel Historical Society and a member of the editorial board of its quarterly magazine, Zion.

He was published extensively, including his most famous work, Greek and Latin Authors on Jews and Judaism, a three-volume opus published in English by the Academy of Sciences.

Stern was born in Byalistok, Poland, in 1925 and immigrated to Palestine in 1938.

18 Green Line kibbutzim plan to warn Arab villages

BEIT SHE'AN VALLEY (JPFS) —

Eighteen kibbutzim along the Green Line plan to distribute warning leaflets to a number of Arab villages in northern Samaria following recent arson attacks.

The leaflets, signed by Yigal Shahar, the head of the regional council, and supported by many left-wing Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim, point out that Jewish farmers will not sit still as their forests are burned and their fields are damaged almost nightly.

The leaflet says:

"Dear neighbors, you have betrayed our trust. An evil hand is burning our trees. Coexistence here has become unbearable. I call upon you to restore peace immediately. It is clear to us that the saboteurs are sent by perpetrators from outside who spend large sums of money. You must expel them from your villages before we take our own measures.

"So far we have managed to refrain from hurting the Arab population, but the fact that you harbor these saboteurs will force us to take action that will harm many people and especially the Arab workers who find a livelihood in our fields and factories."

Shahar said that last weekend, when Arabs from northern Samaria burned down forests at the top of Mt. Gilboa, two jeeps sent to control the fire went over nail traps which punctured all their tires.

He said that among the contingency plans prepared by the kibbutzim is one to impose a seige on a number of villages in northern Samaria. "They have to understand that among us are some strong guys who can easily lose control."

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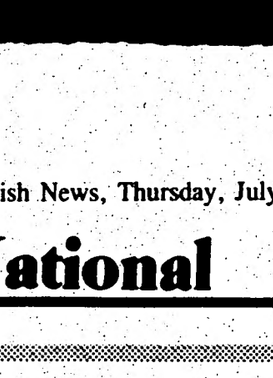
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Norma Baumel Joseph, in her letter of June 8, disagrees with all that you said in your column of May 18, calling it "a complex blend of ambiguous references and disparaging innuendos." Then she says: in his answer, he nowhere says it is prohibited for women to pray (as we do) with the Torah BECAUSE OF COURSE IT IS NOT. There is no legal judgment that he can use that would prohibit our actions." Is she right?



Rabbi Burak

ANSWER: Mrs. Joseph and her ladies seem to believe that when they gather to pray to Hashem, they are like barristers appearing at the Supreme Court where they will not be heard unless they wear a certain uniform. In Ontario, the absence of even a minor item of clothing made it impossible to be heard.

Mr. Justice W. R. Riddell of the Supreme Court of Ontario illustrated this point in an address before The Maine State Bar Association on January 10, 1922, and here it is:

"The other day, a barrister got up in court and was speaking. The Justice says, 'I hear a voice, but I can't see any barrister.' Whereupon the barrister says, 'I am addressing your Lordship.' The Justice says, 'I can't see you.' The barrister retired and found he had on his black coat and waistcoat and pants, but he had not on a white tie or bands and therefore he was not properly clothed!"

Is this the way Hashem acts? No, God is gentler with such rules. Israelis appear in their synagogues, and in mine, in their shirtsleeves. Men who are unmarried do not wear a tallis at prayers at most Ashkenazic synagogues. Hashem sees our anguish even when we are out of uniform.

Mrs. Joseph: don't you know that the practices of our Holy Faith are not subject to modification by you and your ladies? We do not need invented prayer programs. We follow the ways of our forbears: "this is my God and I will glorify Him; the God **of my father**, and I will exalt Him."

The way my father and his father before him worshipped God, I strive to worship Him. You and your ladies are to worship Hashem the way your mothers, grandmothers, and greatgrandmothers worshipped Him. So, my question is: did your mother and grandmother organize services for women to read in the Torah?

What has been the custom over the ages? Did your grandmothers and greatgrandmothers have such services? They did not. Then, Mrs. Joseph and her ladies are engaging in unorthodox procedures, violating the customs of our faith, and eradicating ancient landmarks.

There are laws that prohibit the wearing of tallesim by women. In the Code, O.H. Chapter 17:1, the final ruling is that women should not wear a tallis. As for the kippa, we find in the Code, Y.D. Chapter 182:5, that a Jewish woman may not wear the same kind of head covering as her husband does.

The Sephardic Sage, Rabbi Isaac Lampronti z.l., in his encyclopedia, Pachad Yitzchak, printed in 1749, volume 1, letter gimmel, 3b, cites an earlier authority, Beth Hillel, Y.D. 182, who cites Targum Yonatan on Deuteronomy Chapter 22:5, ruling that a woman may not wear tallis, or tefillon.

Maggen Gibborim, O.H. 17, rules that women may not wear a tallis. So, too, does the Me-Asef le-chol ha-Machanos on this section of the Code.

In short, the Talmud rules that "a Beth Din cannot overrule another Beth Din, unless it is greater in wisdom and numbers."

Shechita continued

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Sweden will continue to allow the kosher slaughter of poultry, which was to have been banned there beginning last week.

The Swedish government decision was reported to the European Jewish Congress, the European branch of the World Jewish Congress, by Jan-Erik Levy, executive director of the Jewish community of Stockholm.

Concerned that a ban on shehita, or ritual slaughter, would limit the supply of kosher food to Sweden's estimated 16,000 Jews, Jewish organizations in Europe, Canada and North America intervened.

In March, after several American Jewish organizations met with the Swedish consul in New York, the Swedish government extended the moratorium until June 30. Now, it appears, the ban has been put off indefinitely.

Survey: 52% back elections in territories

Likud voters back peace proposal

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

While Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal to conduct elections in the territories enjoys substantially greater support on the left of the political spectrum than on the right, some 52% of Likud voters also support it.

Sixty-one per cent of a national sample of 1,194 Israeli Jews interviewed in late May and early June, answered affirmatively to the question, "Do you support or do you object to the Prime Minister's idea of holding elections in the occupied territories?"

Twelve per cent "strongly support," 49% "support" and the remaining 39% "object" (of whom 12% "strongly object"). When sub-divided by party affiliation, the data show that almost 80% of left-oriented respondents (Labor, Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam) support the Prime Minister's proposal, as compared with half of right- and religious-oriented respondents (Likud, Tehiya, etc. and religious).

Since ethnicity is strongly associated with political orientation, it is not surprising to find that about 70% of Ashkenazi respondents support the proposed elections, as compared with about half of Sephardim. Younger people are more likely to oppose the initiative than older people, as befits their greater hawkishness. The well-educated (13 years or more of schooling) are considerably more supportive than are groups of lower education.

Affirmative attitudes towards the election issue correlate, but not strongly, with willingness to relinquish territories in return for peace. Also correlated are positive attitudes towards negotiations with the PLO and the establishment of a Palestinian state: about one-quarter of the respondents took an affirmative stand on these (28 and 20%, respectively).

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

While a majority of Israelis support the election initiative, they do not believe that the PLO will support it. Asked "Do you think that the Prime Minister's idea will ultimately be aceptable to the Arabs in the territories even without PLO approval?" 35% say "yes" and 65% say "no."

The data are from the 255th edition of the Continuing Survey, founded in 1967 by the Israel Institute of Applied Social Research and the communications institute of the Hebrew University.

U.S. support for Israel seen as steady

NEW YORK (JTA) —

American public support for Israel has held steady in the past year, despite the continuation of the Palestinian uprising, according to a poll commissioned by the American Jewish Committee.

But American support for Israel remains considerably lower than it was before the uprising began on Dec. 9, 1987.

The poll contains "good news" about the stabilization of attitudes, but also shows that "the uprising has taken its toll," said Ira Silverman, AJCommittee's executive vice-president.

He spoke recently at a news conference announcing the results of the survey, which was conducted in April. The Roper Organization has conducted the poll for AJCommittee since 1984, in order to "take the temperature of the American public" on issues concerning Israel and American Jewry, said Silverman.

In the latest survey, a representative sample of approximately 2,000 Americans was questioned on its attitudes toward both Israel and American Jews.

The poll found that 36% of Americans side with Israel in the Middle East conflict, while 13% sympathize more with the Arab nations. In April 1988, by comparison, 37% favored Israel and 11% favored the Arabs.

The remainder in each case said they did not sympathize with either side, sympathized equally with both sides or did not know.

The latest poll also shows that a plurality of Americans, 42%, still believe Israel is correct in its refusal to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Only 32% said that position in wrong, a slight increase over the 27% of Americans who felt that way a year ago, before PLO chairman Yasser Arafat recognized Israel's right to exist.

But far fewer Blacks than whites approve of Israel's refusal to talk with the PLO. In this year's poll, 25% of Black respondents said that refusal was right, compared to 44% of whites surveyed.

Black Americans are also less apt to regard Israel as a reliable ally, the poll found. In most other issues regarding Israel and American Jewry, however, there were no significant differences between the responses of Blacks and whites polled.

Among the poll's other significant findings:

- Forty-four percent said they considered Israel a reliable ally. A higher percentage said that Canada, West Germany and France were reliable allies, but fewer said that Egypt, Jordan, and Syria were.
- Respondents were divided over Israel's response to the uprising. Thirty percent said it has been too harsh, and 28% described it as "about right." A mere 8% said the Israeli response was too lenient.
- There appeared to be confusion over the appropriate solution to the conflict. Over half of the respondents, 56% said they did not prefer any one solution.

Thirteen percent said Israel should return the administered territories to Jordan, 10% supported the retention of Israeli military control and local self-rule for Palestinians.

Only 9% said they favored the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

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Members "quite supportive"

NCJW continues projects despite Patti Starr affair

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The National Council of Jewish Women may have been sidetracked by the growing controversy surrounding Patricia Starr, but it's not about to let its many worthwhile community projects go by the wayside, say two former presidents of the Toronto Section.

"Over 90 years of phenomenal work cannot be negated by a situation that is unfortunate and wrong," said Helen Marr, former president of Toronto Section and NCJW of Canada. "We won't allow it and I don't think the community will allow it. If you go back to all the different things that have been done over the years, it's quite incredible."

Marr, who will become president of the International Council of Jewish Women next May, and Eleanor Appleby, executive director of the national organization, admitted the many allegations surrounding Starr, former president of Toronto Section and later president of the section's charitable foundation, have been time consuming and demoralizing.

Appleby said the whole affair has prevented the national office from getting on with day-to-day activities as it has been forced to respond to daily inquiries from the media.

As well, she said a lot of calls are coming in from members and branches who are "worried, upset and appalled" at what happened. One chief concern that keeps coming up, Appleby explained, is that members want to know if the charitable foundation was making inappropriate donations from funds they — the members — had worked to raise.

What was happening was that Starr was allegedly making donations and contributions from the foundation's capital account, which held funds that came mostly from sales tax rebates in connection with the Prince Charles Housing Project. (The foundation was established solely to deal with this building.)

However, Appleby said that once the facts are explained — that the money did not come from Toronto Section — members become "quite supportive."

Marr said she found the same support from the membership at the organization's recent national convention in Hamilton, Ont. She said members asked a lot of questions and then rallied to support Toronto Section, saying they wanted the organization to move forward.

"We're trying to explain facts as clearly as we can to show that it wasn't the NCJW as such, but the actions of a few people," said Marr.

Starr, together with fellow foundation officers Nita Goldband and Lesley Miller, have been replaced. The foundation's board itself has been restructured so all members of Toronto Section are now members of the foundation.

Helen Marr

As for those who served alongside Starr as she made donations and contributions from the foundation's capital account, Appleby said she believes that over 99% of them did not know what was going on.

"I think it was a question of naivety," she said. "I really don't think they understood what was going on," said Appleby, pointing out that it was the Toronto Section that called for the investigation into Starr's dealings with Council affairs by the law firm of Goodman and Goodman. "If they had, I don't think they would have tolerated it."

Marr stressed that all NCJW sections are reminded the organization is non-political and said officers are urged to step back from any political activity while holding office.

Gloria Strom, then national vice-president of NCJW of Canada (she is now president), did just that last August, stressing to all section presidents that NCJW of Canada does not endorse any candidates and members can not use their affiliation with Council when working for candidates in their communities.

"It would seem that Starr has chosen to reject the policies of the organization to which she belongs," said Strom and immediate past national president Penny Yellen, in a prepared statement. "By doing so she has greatly embarrassed and jeopardized the reputation of our 4,000 members.

"We are appalled at the allegations and their implications," the national leaders added, stating that no one has ever been authorized to use Council stationery for political or private use. "The reputation of the NCJW of Canada is being blackened."

Probe may benefit Council

In spite of further revelations which may arise from the judicial probe which Ontario Premier David Peterson called recently to investigate allegations arising from the Starr affair, Marr said it may actually benefit Council by forcing members to work harder at the fund raising and public relations level.

In any event, she said the negatives will not outweigh the many positive activities of the organization.

The Toronto Section has initiated many such activities since its inception in 1897. It operated a canteen in Toronto during the war years, inaugurated the meals-on-wheels program in Toronto (during Appleby's term as Toronto Section president in the 60s) and started the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living in Toronto.

As a result of the Toronto Section's example, similar recreational outlets for senior citizens sponsored by NCJW now exist in Montreal and Winnipeg.

The National Council of Jewish Women also launched the Block Parents Program, junior kindergarten programs and the Auberge Shalom home for battered women in Montreal, and is training volunteers in the field in palliative care in Vancouver.

"Our policy is to seek out a need, see how we can fill the need, pilot the project and then hand it over to a community as soon as it can stand on its own," said Appleby. "We have pioneered some of the most outstanding programs that exist today in Canada."

Foundation lobbied for realty tax exemption

TORONTO —
The charitable foundation controlled by Patricia Starr appears to have contributed $4,000 to receptions to lobby municipal politicians for a realty tax exemption on its non-profit housing project.

Clifford Lax, legal counsel for National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, told The CJN that the receptions were allegedly held to lobby Metro politicians for a realty tax exemption on the Prince Charles Housing Project built by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, charitable foundation, on Bathurst St.

The first was held on Aug. 8, 1987 at the Monte Casino Restaurant when $3,000 was disbursed from the charitable foundation's capital account. The second took place Nov. 3 1987 at a fund raiser for Toronto councillor Betty Disero. At that time a $1,000 contribution was made to the reception.

Desario, Ward 2 councillor in Toronto, said the reception in question was held to raise funds for her constituency office and did not deal with realty taxes. In any event, Desario said that as a Toronto politician, she would have nothing to do with the Prince Charles Housing Project, as it is located in North York.

As well as checking with the bank to determine whether a donation was made by NCJW, Desario said she has prepared a money order for $1,000 and sent it off to the Office of the Public Trustee.

Funds for the receptions came from the foundation's capital account that Starr used to make over $82,000 in political donations to Liberal and Conservative politicians, a report prepared for Council by the law firm of Goodman and Goodman revealed.

The $251,000 fund came mostly from sales tax rebates in connection with the Prince Charles Housing Project.

In related developments, Ontario Premier David Peterson admitted that it was Starr who recommended Tridel Corp. president Elvio DelZotto for a police commission job, a recommendation the Premier had personally rejected in 1986.

Besides the police commission job, numerous links between Liberal fund raiser Starr and developer DelZotto have surfaced. It was DelZotto's company that developed the housing project for the Jewish charity. It has been learned that Starr contributed $1,000 towards DelZotto's campaign for president of the Ontario wing of the federal Liberal Party. In addition Tridel made substantial contributions to NCJW, Toronto Section.

Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott said last week that the judicial probe ordered by Peterson could face a lengthy delay due to the numerous police investigations being conducted.

The probe was ordered following the resignation of the premier's executive director Gordon Ashworth. Ashworth resigned after he admitted accepting gifts from Starr through a development company.

Peterson also announced that a police probe would be launched into Ashworth's dealings with Starr.

Scott also ordered the Ontario Provincial Police to launch a "sweeping probe" and has assigned crown attorney Peter Griffiths to the case as a special prosecutor.

The Ontario Office of the Public Trustee has already launched its own investigation into whether Starr used the charity's funds for political contributions. The Commission on Election Finances has also asked the OPP to investigate the matter.

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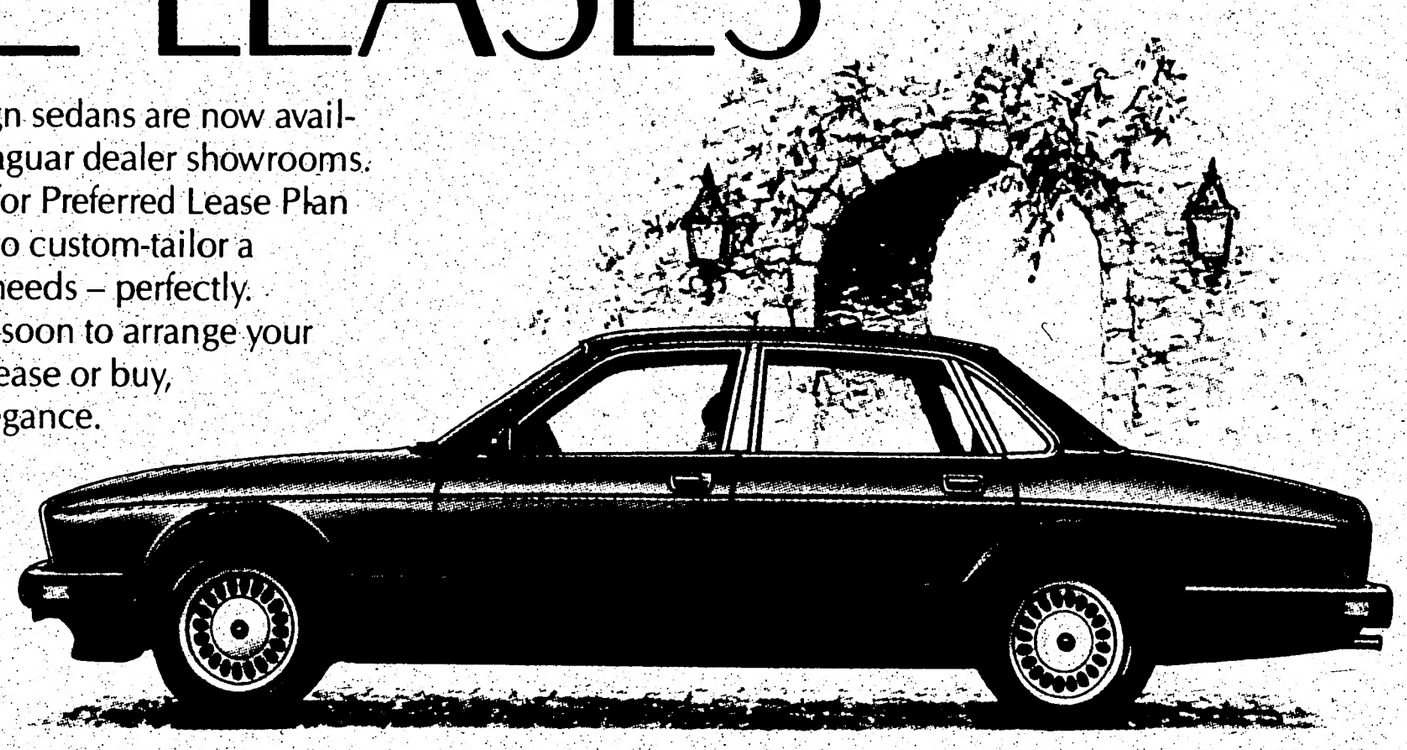

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The Herzog visit

Welcome befitting royalty

Israeli President Herzog is accorded full honors

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

As Chaim Herzog himself said it was a scene Jews only a generation ago would never have dreamed possible.

The first Israeli head of state invited to a state visit to Canada, Herzog was accorded full honors and given a welcome befitting royalty.

Herzog and his wife Aura arrived at the door of Government House, the residence of Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, in a flower-laden open horse-drawn carriage, escorted in the front and at the rear by RCMP horseman. In the distance, a 21-gun salute rang out, and the military band played Hatikvah.

The Governor-General's honor guard, resplendent in their red tunics and huge bearskin hats, went through their drills and then stood ramrod straight in a double column to be inspected by Herzog.

Elementary schoolchildren from Ottawa's Hillel Academy sang Hebrew songs and waved Israeli flags from bleachers on the side as the Herzogs were greeted by a lengthy receiving line.

At the outdoor ceremony, Sauve welcomed the Herzogs by recalling Canada's long-standing support of Israel and Canadians' fascination with the history of the Jewish people and the values they gave the Western world.

"Mr. President, your presence evokes for us the ancient Holy Land, that sacred heritage which finds expression in so many cultures. It is a heritage that has much to teach those peoples who have learned from your nation how, in the face of adversity, to preserve the ideal of human kinship that is the cornerstone of all countries that wish to see the light of justice shine brightly both at home and abroad."

Sauve also noted Herzog's personal and family ties with Canada, which began with his attachment to the First Canadian Army during World War II as a member of a British Army unit in the Reichswald Battle, and her admiration for his intellect.

Herzog, speaking in French and English, stressed the common values of Canadians and Israelis, and praised Canada's pluralism as a model for the world.

Herzog and his wife, dressed in a bright yellow suit and wide-brimmed white hat, then joined Sauve and her husband for a private kosher lunch in Government House of smoked trout and rack of lamb.

The Herzogs arrived from Toronto, where they had spent a 4-day private visit, that morning aboard a small government plane at the Uplands forces base. They were greeted briefly by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, Canadian ambassador to Israel James Bartleman, Israeli ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh and his wife Shulamit and base commander Col. Edward Andrichuk and his wife Elizabeth, before being whisked away by motorcade.

Through his stay in Ottawa, security, handled by plainclothes RCMP, was stringent and pervasive.

Sussex Drive, the road to Government House, was lined on both sides by Canadian and Israeli flags, as was Wellington St. in front of Parliament.

That afternoon, Herzog was taken on a tour of the new National Gallery, designed by Israeli-born Moshe Safdie. He was personally escorted by renowned Canadian portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh through the temporary exhibit Karsh: The Art of the Portrait.

Gallery director Shirley Thomson took Herzog through the Canadian Galleries. The Israeli president had expressed a particular interest in seeing the works of the Group of Seven.

Despite the security nightmare, Herzog had asked that public access to the gallery not be impeded while he toured.

That evening Sauve and her husband hosted a formal dinner at Government House for the Herzogs, and 120 guests, including Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila and Clark and his wife Maureen McTeer.

Among the other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bronfman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reichmann, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reichmann, Mr. and Mrs. George Cohon, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Reisman, Vatican Pro-Nuncio Msgr. Angelo Palmas, Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Boris Brott, Shira Herzog Bessin (niece of the president), Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Spivak, Stanley Hartt, Sen. and Mrs. Leo Kolber, Mr. and Mrs. Moishe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Ronen, Mr. Justice Jules and Mrs. Deschenes, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Quilico, and Dr. and Mrs. Phil Gold.

Seated at the head table were House of Commons Speaker John Fraser, Senate Speaker Guy Charbonneau, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Brian Dickson, along with the Herzogs, Sauves, Mulroneys and the two ambassadors and their wives.

The following day, Herzog placed a wreath of blue and white flowers forming the Star of David at National War Memorial near Parliament, accompanied by Veterans' Affairs Minister Gerald Merrithew and military officers.

In the brief, solemn ceremony, an honor guard bugler played taps and a kilted piper struck a mournful note.

Herzog warmly greeted a color party of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada in blazers and decorations who came in mainly from Montreal.

Pro-Israel demonstrators gather at entrance to Parliament for the arrival of Herzog. [Howard Kay photo]

The event drew a large enthusiastic crowd kept well back by barricades, who waved flags and sang Hatikvah and Heiveinu Shalom Aleichem, interruped occasionally by shouts of "Long Live the Palestinian People."

That evening the Herzogs hosted a reception in the elegant Chateau Laurier ballroom, attended by about 500 guests including the Sauves, members of Parliament, the civil service, diplomatic corps and the Jewish community, both local and national.

Clark, his wife and 12-year-old daughter Catherine were among the guests, as well as at least two previous external affairs ministers, Flora Macdonald and Mitchell Sharp.

Clark attracted a steady stream of persons wishing to speak to him.

Ironically, it was the same room where Clark made his controversial speech critical of Israel to the Canada-Israel Committee 15 months earlier.

York U honors President

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Amidst pomp and colorful circumstance, York University conferred a honorary doctor of laws degree on Israeli President Chaim Herzog during his 2-day visit here last week.

He was joined on the dais at York's Convocation Hall by Barbara McDougall, minister of employment and immigration, his host in Toronto, and North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

Described as a man of "moral courage and rectitude" by Prof. Irving Abella, who introduced him, Herzog noted his family had a keen attachment to the law. His late father, Isaac Herzog, the chief rabbi of Israel, was one of the great figures of Jewish law and his late brother Yaacov received a doctorate in law while serving as Israel's ambassador to Ottawa in the late 50s.

"I was nurtured on the twin concepts of Judaism and law and justice," Herzog told the 500 people attending the private ceremony.

In Judaism, the principle of justice "occupies paramount place," he said, contrasting it to the situation among three-quarters of the member states of the United Nations, where he served as Israeli ambassador in the mid-1970s.

The Jewish system of law, developed in the Mishna and Talmud, stresses compromise and concordance, while "precisely the reverse is occuring in the world."

"We Jews have given to the world a legal system which recognises the existence of a special reciprocal tie between law and morality, a tie that stems from the common origin of both concepts in Judaic sources," he said.

International practice is quite different, he stated as he described "the daily eclipse of these values in so many parts of the world. And it is precisely those who have totally abandoned the principles given by the Jewish people to the world in their national and international practice who now would sit in judgment on Israel."

In addition to Abella, Herzog was welcomed to York by Aryeh Snitman of the Jewish Students Federation while York President and Vice-Chancellor Harry Arthurs noted that the university is considering establishing a centre for Jewish studies.

Secretary of State Gerry Weiner (left) chats with Herzog before the state luncheon in Montreal. Looking on (from left) are Israeli Consul General Chalom Schirman and Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh. [Howard Kay photo]

Charles Bronfman is greeted by Herzog and his wife at Government House. [Howard Kay photo]

The Herzog visit

In Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto:

Community rallies give Herzog a warm welcome

By
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DAVID LAZARUS
and PAUL LUNGEN

Community rallies in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto gave an enthusiastic reception to Israeli President Chaim Herzog, who strongly affirmed his country's desire for peace and blasted international media coverage of the intifada.

Herzog also offered a prescription for Diaspora communities concerned with Israel's well-being. Since Israel is a central fact in Jewish life, he said, it follows that aliya is a natural objective for Jews. And where there is highly organized Jewish education, there is aliya, he added.

In Ottawa, Herzog told an audience of 400 in the Jewish Community Centre auditorium that Israel will not be forced by outside pressure to relent in its quelling of the intifada and will take lessons from no one when it comes to defending itself.

"The people of Israel are not prepared to be bullied into a sense of false security in a cruel world which blithely condemns Israel for doing what every self-respecting government must do, namely, maintain law and order."

He criticized the "double standards in world morality" which see Israel condemned for putting down the Palestinian riots while there was "silence as millions of innocent people were massacred in Cambodia" and the Christians of Lebanon face annihilation.

"The world, even in the most sophisticated and well-informed circles, seems to have lost all sense of proportion when discussing Israel," he said.

His harshest attack was on the press. He called the media "examples in our own day of the phenomenon that our state was partially set up to counter — the historic inability of the Western world to relate rationally to Jews, Judaism and, in our case, the Jewish state."

He lashed out at the foreign media in Israel for reporting out of context and giving too much attention to "fringe elements" and minor events.

"There are thousands of rabbis in Israel, but if one isolated individual, calling himself a rabbi, who to say the least is a queer eccentric, makes a wicked, racist remark, for which he is condemned by the responsible religious leaders in Israel and by world Jewry, his grotesque and despicable statement is highlighted throughout the world."

Events such as a child throwing a stone at a car in an Arab village are blown up, while "the mass atrocities" daily in other parts of the Middle East are not reported.

Herzog spoke at length about his late brother Yaacov who was Israeli ambassador to Canada in the 60s and his historic debates with British historian Arnold Toynbee at McGill University. Toynbee, according to Herzog, held that the Jews were a "fossilized relic of an obsolete culture" who do not have the power or even right to continue as a people.

"The gauntlet had been thrown down before the entire Jewish people and the truth of history, and Yaacov picked it up on the public platform...

"Yaacov armed himself with civilized, academic detachment and avoided any emotional excitement, persisting in his cold, conclusive and convincing demonstration until Toynbee had to grapple with it and was compelled to admit that his analogy was exaggerated."

He urged Diaspora Jews to encourage the aliya of its youth, through Jewish education.

"The highest priority in the Jewish community must be that of a comprehensive Jewish education for our youth. Everything flows naturally from that: the arrest of the decline of the Jewish population and a very logical increase in aliya..."

He also recalled Jews' "sacred duty" to their brethren in the Soviet Union, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia and other countries where they are not free.

"We have created Israel in blood and sweat and tears, and prayer and memory and thought. We will make every endeavor to live in understanding and practical co-existence with our neighbors, and to advance the peace process, but the concept of the centrality of Israel for the Jewish people must remain paramount."

Herzog was welcomed by Stephen Victor, immediate past president of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, and thanked by current president Dr. Eli Rabin.

In Montreal, Herzog divided his comments between praising Montreal and labelling the PLO's purported desire for peace as "double-talk."

He said "cruel, distorted, prejudiced" coverage by the media has made it the "battleground" for the hearts and minds of the Jewish people.

More than 2,000 members of the Jewish community assembled in the sanctuary of the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue to listen to Herzog, and they responded with a standing ovation after his half-hour speech.

Herzog, introduced by Canada-Israel Committee Quebec chairman Thomas Hecht, was insistent that Israel's desire for peace was paramount and he accused the PLO of not living up to chairman Yasser Arafat's promise to renounce terror.

He said "much of the world" was being taken in by the PLO (public relations) offensive, and asked "What validity can one give to the statements made by an individual (Arafat) who obviously does not control connstitutents of the organization he purports to lead and represent?"

The Israeli president also worried that "Jewish leadership is allowing our enemies to dictate the form and even the content of the Jewish agenda" by shifting its focus away from traditional concerns like Jewish identity, education and aliya.

He said the "clear task and clear repnosibility" now for Jewish leadership is to rally the community is support for Israel.

Herzog also spoke briefly in Hebrew and addressed Montreal's francophone Jewish community in French.

As well, Herzog praised Montreal as a city an for its flourishing Jewish community.

Because of its origins rooted in the "movements and ideals" of Eastern Europe, "I dare to say that this special Jewish culture took root better and more effectively in the medium-sized community that developed here, than it could in the vast, miscellaneous jungle of a city like New York.

In Toronto, the President, after being introduced by former Canada-Israel Committee director Shira Herzog-Bessin, made the "cruel, distorted" media coverage of the Middle East a central theme of his address. He told close to 2,600 people at the Sheraton Centre that the international press corps based in Israel — the second largest in the world after Washington — focuses on stone-throwing by Palestinian children. Meanwhile, Herzog said, the media largely ignore the plight of the Lebanese Christian community which "is in danger of destruction."

Already 25,000 Christians have sought refuge in Israel's security zone in Southern Lebanon while Beirut is blasted by artillery. Meanwhile the Christian world largely ignores their situation.

How can we ignore that apathy about their fate?, Herzog asked.

As Herzog spoke, four groups of protesters chanted slogans at each other outside on Queen St.

Separated by police barriers, about 30 members of the Jewish Students Network sang Israeli songs while nearby about 20 mostly elderly demonstrators held up signs claiming war criminal John Demjanjuk, convicted in Israel of running the gas machinery at Treblinka which killed 800,000 Jews, was innocent.

Across the street, about 75 pro-PLO demonstrators waved Palestinian flags and waved signs that said: "Zionism is racism" while another had a swastika placed inside a Magen David and compared Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir to Hitler.

Nearby about 16 members of Jews for a Just Peace marched, calling for Israeli negotiations with the PLO.

Inside, Herzog said Israelis are debating the issues facing them. Their Palestinian counterparts are not free to do so, he added, referring to Palestinian death squads conducting a reign of terror.

Palestinians in the territories are not willing to risk a bullet to be independent of the PLO, he said.

Gathered at a dinner in the Israeli President's honor at Government House are (from left) Mila Mulroney, Chaim Herzog, Governor-General Jeanne Sauve, Maurice Sauve, Aura Herzog and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. [Howard Kay photo]

More Herzog

The CJN's coverage of President Herzog's official visit to Canada will continue in next week's edition.

In addition to additional photographs highlighting the President's visit, we will be bringing you a one-on-one interview with President Herzog in which he discusses the issues facing Israel.

Our reporters in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto will provide further coverage as well.

President Herzog acknowledges greetings from the Toronto Jewish community at a rally at the Sheraton Centre as his wife Aura looks on. [Graphic Artists photo]

About 75 Palestinian demonstrators protested Herzog's Toronto visit outside the Sheraton Centre where he addressed 2,600 supporters. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Religion and state

It was bound to happen sooner or later.

A butcher in Union County, New Jersey, cited for alleged violations of his state's kosher laws, has launched a suit challenging that the principle of the separation of church and state has itself been violated.

In the brief presented to the court, the kosher butcher from Linden, New Jersey charged the state with "deferring to the Orthodox Jewish sect to create, interpret and enforce state kosher law . . . and hiring an Orthodox rabbi to be its principal enforcer."

Lawyers for the New Jersey butcher also argued that the insistence on following the standards of the Orthodox for all kosher food establishments is tantamount to elevating one sect over others.

Although this case will be tried in an American jurisdiction, it has important ramifications for the province of Ontario where a similar law is in force. The issue is not whether Orthodox standards should or should not prevail, but whether secular courts should interfere in purely religious matters.

The New Jersey case is a perfect example of what occurs when the Jewish community, unable to resolve its own conflicts, has recourse to secular authorities. Ostensibly the purpose was a lofty one — to protect the interests of kosher consumers and prevent their fraudulent exploitation.

However, American Jews will now presumably be treated to the spectacle of a state court system trying to adjudicate the claims and counter claims of individuals trying to define what is legitimate under the rubric of kashruth.

Even if a decision is reached, the result will be the anomaly of a secular court ruling on a purely religious issue. It has been argued that there are precedents for this in Jewish history. If so, these are sad precedents.

If a secular court can rule on what constitutes kashruth, can it then be argued that the same court has a legitimate role in defining the contours of Jewish marriage, divorce and perhaps conversion?

These are some of the possible unanticipated consequences of laws which invite the state to intervene in what was previously only an internal Jewish community matter. Canadian Jews will be watching with much interest the deliberation in New Jersey.

Agam's Jewish art

It has been said that historically Jews refrained from pouring their creative talents into the plastic arts. Reluctance to involve themselves in painting and sculpture has been traced, moreover, to the prohibition, found in the decalogue, against worshiping graven images.

It was not until the modern age and particularly in the twentieth century that Jewish artists, some following the traditions of their Biblical mentor, Bezalel, began to create artistic visions of life that were inspired by deeply religious impulses.

Interestingly enough, *The Christian Science Monitor* (May 15) has pointed to Yaacov Agam, the Israeli painter, as an artist who best exemplifies a Jewish art form which avoids pictorial representations of the human figure but which at the same time conveys the complexities of the human condition.

J. J. Schnebel, writing in that Boston newspaper, says that Agam's use of geometric squares, rectangles and triangular pieces of wood is based on the artist's Israeli birth (he is the son of a rabbi) and sensitivity to Torah precepts about graven images.

Those who have viewed Agam's paintings inevitably see them flickering; they seem to move, depending on the angle of one's viewing stance. At the same time his paintings have an eternal, changeless quality to them.

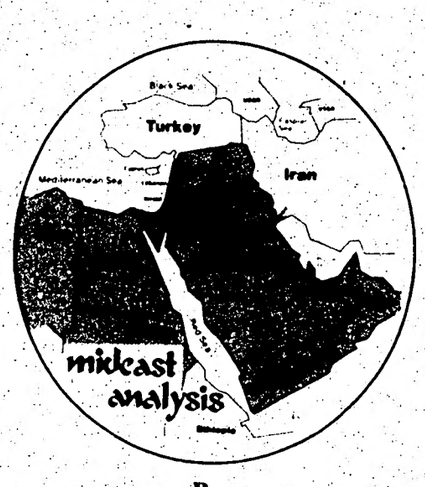
Schnebel says that Agam's art suggests truth about life itself — about career, family, friends and home. Life constantly changes. There is continual movement in the human drama. There is also upheaval. At the same time, however, there are also elements that are permanent and unchanging.

Agam himself has stated: "Life is always transforming itself, always leading to the unexpected. My work exists in an infinity of possibilities."

Yaacov Agam has shown that Jewish painting need not ape the current and the trendy. He has also shown that respect for religious sancta can lead to an entirely original art form which translate on canvas one of the sublime messages of the Bible — "Generations come and generations go but the earth endures for ever."

Member of W. Germany's parliament

Jew in Bundestag outspoken



By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

BONN, West Germany —

In 1962, a young Israeli woman named Jutta Schwerin went to Stuttgart, West Germany, to study interior decorating.

"I thought I'd return to Israel after my studies," she says.

But fate dictated otherwise.

Schwerin met Uli Oesterle, a German, and subsequently married him. And although they have since separated, West Germany is still home to Oesterle-Schwerin.

Since her arrival in this country, Jutta Oesterle-Schwerin has come a long way. Today, she's a member of the Bundestag, West Germany's parliament, and probably the only Jew in that 519-strong body. Oesterle-Schwerin, who holds dual West German-Israeli citizenship, is also the only parliamentarian who speaks Hebrew fluently.

Co-chairperson of the Green Party's parliamentary faction, she conversed easily in Hebrew during the first part of our interview.

Now 48, she's petite, soft-spoken, open and somewhat bookish in appearance. Active in left-wing politics as a student, she joined the Social Democratic Party. In 1975, she was elected to Ulm's municipal council, Ulm being the Swabian town where she and her husband settled after their marriage.

In 1979, she broke with the Social Democrats over the party's support of a NATO decision to deploy U.S.-made Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe. Four years later, she joined the Greens, a party which attracted the support of anti-nuclear activists and environmentalists, among others.

"I found in the Green Party similarities to Hashomer Hatzair (Mapam's youth wing)," explains Oesterle-Schwerin, an alumni of Hashomer Hatzair. "They expect you to behave in daily life according to your principles... All in all, the Greens are more Israeli-like than any other group in this country."

Two and a half years ago, she took her seat in the Bundestag, thereby becoming the 44th Green to sit in that legislative chamber. And though she takes an interest in foreign affairs, Oesterle-Schwerin specializes in housing, transportation and women's and minority rights.

She is no shrinking violet. In a recent session of the Bundestag, she accused the conservative government of discriminating against Jews who immigrate to West Germany as refugees from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, claiming that only Jews among refugees from the East must undergo "humiliating procedures" to "prove" their Germanic ancestry.

Oesterle-Schwerin is impeccably Germanic, being the offspring of a German Jewish father and a German Protestant mother.

Her father, a Berliner, left Germany in 1933, after Hitler's accession to power, and immigrated to Palestine. Her mother joined him there in 1935. "My parents had no money and couldn't go to the U.S.," she says, adding that her father was not a Zionist.

She was born in Jerusalem's Talpiot district, and grew up in the Arnona district. As a girl, she spent one year on Kibbutz Beit Alfa. Influenced in part by her father's political views, she gravitated toward Hashomer Hatzair.

During the War of Independence, Oesterle-Schwerin's father was killed fighting in Jerusalem. He was only 38. After his funeral, children taunted her with the epithet, "Nazi, Nazi."

Despite the passage of decades, she remains bitter about his death. "I will never forgive them," she says, referring to the Yishuv's leadership. "They should have sat down and talked and prevented this meaningless war."

Oesterle-Schwerin, who describes herself as a "radical pacifist," says her two children, aged 15 and 18, will never do military duty, whether in West Germany or Israel. "That's the most important reason why I wouldn't go back to Israel."

Oesterle-Schwerin's mother had a difficult time adjusting to life in Palestine. "There was discrimination everywhere. People made her feel unwelcome." But after a while, she came to terms with it. She and her son, noted author-journalist Tom Segev *(1949: The First Israelis)*, continue to live in Jerusalem. "All her friends are in Israel. She feels totally at home in Israel."

As she tells it, it was only by chance that she ended up living in her parents' homeland.

Being fluent in German, and curious about the new democratic state that had arisen on the ashes of Nazism, she met young Germans who had come to Israel on student exchanges. Later, in Switzerland, as a worker in a Jewish kindergarten, she formed still more friendships with Germans.

Oesterle-Schwerin, who considers herself culturally Jewish, has never felt uncomfortable as a Jew in the Federal Republic of Germany. However, particularly since she took her seat in the Bundestag, she has been exposed to "repeated anti-semitic experiences," usually taking the form of nasty letters or telephone calls.

She treats these anti-semitic expressions philosophically. "In Germany, there are many anti-semites, but there is also a progressive alternative movement that allows me to live here."

Oesterle-Schwerin, who has no formal, organizational ties with West Germany's Jewish community, says bluntly that she cannot "identify with Germany." As she puts it: "Socialists have no fatherland."

She acknowledges that it's a strange situation for a member of the Bundestag to be in. "Those who elected me understand this." Nevertheless, she admits to having "problems" confronting this unusual paradox.

During the course of our conversation, she used the word "we" in reference to Israel, and readily conceded she does not do so when she refers directly to West Germany.

Asked if German-Jewish relations can be "normalized" in her lifetime, she replies in the negative.

Then she adds: "There are Germans who resent Jews because of the crimes Germans committed under Nazism."

Oesterle-Schwerin, who last visited Jerusalem five years ago, has "fond" memories of Israel. But she recoils at the "political situation" in the Jewish state.

An avowed peacenik, she believes that Israel should withdraw from the territories, including East Jerusalem, and acquiesce to the establishment of a West Bank-Gaza Strip Palestinian state.

In her view, Israel should pull its forces out of the territories unilaterally, without prior negotiations. Is this not naive? "It is not our land. We have no right to be there. Israel occupies a foreign country, oppresses the Palestinians and prevents them from developing themselves."

Israel's occupation, she observes, "can't lead to peace." In a reference to the *intifada*, she elaborates: "As long as we occupy foreign territories, the Palestinians will conclude they have a right to attack Israel."

Oesterle-Schwerin believes that a binational state "would have been the right way" to solve the national question in Palestine. "But this is no longer a possible or realistic solution. Personalities on both sides wanted this, but they weren't strong enough to get their message through."

Israel, she says, has a right to exist within its pre-1967 lines.

She states that the Greens, rather than being anti-Israel, are really critical of Israel's policies vis-a-vis the territories and the Palestininians.

As a Green, she is neither a Realo (realist) nor a Fundi (radical). "I'm in the middle."

In parting, I asked her if she compares herself with Rosa Luxembourg, the Jewish heroine of the German left. "It would be presumptuous of me to make that comparison. But I can say this. She is a historical figure who means a lot to me and whom I love."

Jutta Oesterle-Schwerin

Opinion

Tradition of pragmatic tolerance

Jews, Arabs manage to live together in Haifa

By
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HAIFA —

As a snack bar the place was undistinguished except for a certain schizophrenia in the matter of nationality.

The conversation was in Arabic, but the clientele was mixed between Jews and Arabs, and the newspapers tossed onto the formica-topped tables were in both languages. The owner was an Arab, as was the middle-aged lady behind the bar. But the good-luck charms prominently displayed on the counter were very Jewish, cheap reprints of *hamsas* (hands) with prayers in Hebrew for good health and good earnings and words around the border to ward off ill luck and sundry devils of the Jewish sort.

"A good charm is a good charm, do you think I have time to worry which side it comes from?" the owner said somewhat irately when asked what the charms meant in terms of national affiliation.

Most of the clients seemed rather bored by the question. "Where do you come from, Jerusalem? Well, things here in Haifa are slightly different."

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That slight difference in good-luck charms masks a whole world of difference in the way Jews and Arabs somehow manage to live together in Haifa. There is a tradition of pragmatic tolerance that even in the most trying times gives people on both sides room for peaceful political expression while living and working in close proximity.

"We have a rather different attitude here," says Mayor Arye Gurel. "Instead of striving for coexistence in separate worlds, we actually live together here in Haifa. . . . The government basically reacts to developments among Israeli Arabs. We try to anticipate them. We try to deepen the ties, the tradition, we try to guide, direct things towards living together."

Leaders of Rakah, the Communist party, the strongest Arab political establishment in Haifa, concur with Gurel in describing the terms under which Jews and Arabs manage to keep their differences from getting violent. Gurel says that he got a lot of votes from Arabs in the last, hotly contested municipal elections. The Arabs, too, know very well that it was their votes that gave the mayor the edge he needed to win his third term.

"But look," one of the Rakah leaders said, "We couldn't really vote for the Likud candidate — and he, Gurel, knows this."

In these circumstances Rakah chose calmly to make an agreement which they hope will benefit both sides rather than make a deal that would make them appear like political extortionists. "Political extortionists do get their due," this leader said, "but this due is given grudgingly."

Arabs make up slightly more than 10% of Haifa's population of just over 200,000. The Arab community's centre of gravity is in the crowded Wadi Nisnas area just south of the main business district. But acute housing problems have pushed the Arabs into traditional Jewish neighborhoods such as Hadar Hacarmel. Some neighborhoods, like Halisa, originally Arab before the War of Independence, then mixed, are now becoming predominently Arab again. But one of the striking aspects of the city is the lack of clear lines between most Jewish and Arab neighborhoods. Such lines are very clear — if not officially marked out — in any other city in Israel where Jews and Arabs live in close proximity.

Jewish and Arab signposts merge into each other in several of the business districts. And, perhaps most important, native Jewish Haifaites say they are not always sure they can identify Arabs by looks or accent in a first meeting.

Peaceful relations during British rule

"I try to keep away the riffraff, to keep up the image," said the owner of one Haifa disco, "but, believe me, both Jews and Arabs have an equal stake in the riffraff game, so they all get the cold shoulder and there are some Arabs whom I really want to attract."

If the Arabs of Haifa were politically acquiescent and the Jews tolerant, it would not be so surprising that life there does go on rather better than anywhere else in Israel. But since Ottoman times the Arabs of Haifa have always been seen as an intellectual and political elite among Israeli Arabs.

A demonstration by Haifa Arabs calling for Israeli withdrawal from the territories remained orderly.

Haifa is one of the major strongholds of Rakah, and the headquarters of its newspaper, *Al Ittihad*. There is no lack of political awareness or involvement. But somehow this awareness is of a kind that does not antagonize the Jews. The Jews, too, have a tradition of tolerance which is apparent also in the peaceful relations between Haifa's very secular Jews and its Orthodox minority.

In the first Land Day after the start of the intifada in the spring of last year, Arabs throughout the country joined demonstrations that nearly always led to clashes with the police. The only major demonstration without violence was in Haifa.

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Asked to address the question of why Haifa keeps its politics non-violent, both Mayor Gurel and Arab leaders started by mentioning the peaceful relations between Jews and Arabs during the British Mandate. In fact there seems to be more of the Mandate left in Haifa than anywhere else in the country. City Hall, one of the more imposing Mandatory buildings in the country, is on Hassan Shukri Street, a road named after one of the longest serving Arab mayors of Haifa. Gurel says that Shukri and his Jewish successor Shabtai Levy laid the foundations for the tradition of pragmatic acceptance that still survives in the city.

Zahi Karkabi was a Rakah city councillor for 10 years. He says that the strangest part of the tradition of tolerance laid down by Shukri and Levy is that these traditions managed to survive even though there were very few Arabs left in Haifa after the War of Independence. Many of the city's current Arab inhabitants moved in from Nazareth and other parts of Galilee, but they picked up the local attitudes which made life livable.

Despite the political chasm that separates Karkabi and Gurel on most non-Haifa matters, Karkabi gives the mayor surprisingly high marks within city limits. He recalled with a degree of esteem how Gurel led a demonstration against Meir Kahane when the latter tried to establish a foothold in the city. Most Haifaites remember the event because Gurel gave Kahane the finger — with both hands — in a kind of get-out-of-my-town-by-sunset confrontation.

Gurel is proud of the fact that he managed to include the Arab neighborhood of Wadi Nisnas into Project Renewal, making it the only Arab neighborhood in Israel to receive this benefit. He concedes that there is still a grave housing problem, but is proud of the pedestrian mall that was opened in the neighborhood.

Rakah activists also see housing as the most critical problem, and the Arab neighborhoods still have far too few playgrounds, clubs and other facilities. But their complaints do not have the degree of fatalism that one often hears from most Israeli Arabs when they talk about discrimination by Jewish authorities, and there seems to be some expectation that faults can be remedied.

As one moves uphill in Haifa there are fewer Arabs, even though City Hall spokesman Yossi Bar says that some Arab professionals have started to move into prestigious neighborhoods higher up on the Carmel. But at the very top of the hill there is the University of Haifa where 17% of the student body is Arab — the highest percentage in any Israel institution of higher learning. Here, the usual Israeli strains of uneasy coexistence seem to be stronger than the more tolerant attitudes down the hill.

Right-wing Jewish students are frequently incensed by the positions and actions of the well-organized Arab student body. Even those Jews with no allegiance to the right sometimes feel uneasy about the intense politicization of all Arab student activities. This politicization reflects a general attitude among Israeli Arabs, especially the elite who are seeking to acquire academic qualifications.

Prof. George Kenazi is head of the Gustav Heinemann Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, a centre for research on the Jewish-Arab conflict. He also heads the Jewish-Arab centre which often serves as an informal arbiter between the Arab student body and the Jewish campus. "There is no coexistence here without tension, arguments and dialogue. But these tensions are, after all, understandable because the situation in general in this country isn't too good."

But Kenazi, an expert in Arabic literature who recently became the first Arab professor in an Israeli university, believes that the meeting of Jews and Arabs on the campus is also beneficial. For many of the Jewish and Arab students, it is the first opportunity to be on close and equal terms with each other. The real issues of the day, such as the Jewish students' resentment over the fact that the Arabs do not serve in the army, and the Arabs' fear of the Jewish right wing, get a very real airing here.

For the Arab students, Kenazi says, there is an additional cause for anxiety which is also apparent on the campus. According to a study conducted by his centre, over 42% of the Arab graduates will not be able to find work in their field. This raises tension and anxiety and increases the Arab students' alienation from any Jewish-run establishment.

A few weeks ago a party was held in the university dormitories to mark the end of the academic year. Jaafar Farah of the Arab student committee says that both Jewish and Arab entertainment troupes were laid on. He claims that most of the Jews didn't like the idea of entertainment in Arabic and stayed out of the hall while the Arabs were singing. Then the Jewish group appeared and the Arabs were split. Some left the hall to demonstrate their anger at the insult from the Jews. Others, he says, stayed inside to "show that we won't drop to their (the Jews') level."

Somehow, this story epitomizes at least some of the ambivalence of all Israeli Arabs. It also shows how difficult it is to live together in a university that seems to be just out of the bounds of Pax Haifanica.

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What makes Pax Haifanica work? Besides the tradition, which may have more weight than most factors, Gurel points to other elements which make Haifa different. The city, though long past its glory as "Red Haifa" when it was such a Mapai stronghold, is still basically a working city. Gurel says that salaried workers in the city have the highest average wage in the country. The average level of education is also the country's highest. The general well-being and a decent employment situation contributed to the stability of relations, Gurel and Karkabi agree.

Apart from these facts, figures and traditions, however, nobody seems able to explain why Haifa is so different from other places where Jews and Arabs live side by side. Most Haifaites seem better at knowing how to make it work than in explaining it.

When the late President Anwar Sadat visited Haifa in 1978, he suggested that Haifa could serve as a role model for peace in the entire Middle East. In the 12 years since his visit, the Haifaites seem to have been working steadily at improving the model.

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Synagogue should put our town on map

By
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My family has voted the Dubin inquiry the most boring ongoing news story of recent memory, but I split my vote between that and the Skydome.

Would it open, wouldn't it open? Will the umps use it, when will they use it, how do you use it? And (drumroll, please) the big "will it be ready on time?", the answer to which required emergency sessions of Toronto city council.

I hope at least some of you will pardon me for suggesting there might be better topics for such rare meetings. Like, did the inhabitants of Nathan Phillips Square even know about Tiananmen Square that same week or had they been hit on the hard hat once too often?

Of course, the Dome opened on time — whew! — and now we hear it has put Toronto on the map. I think the same thing was said about James Earl Ray, the CN Tower and the 1988 economic summit. Talk about neurotic. I don't think Toronto wants onto a map — it wants onto a couch.

Around our house, the big construction projects of the last few months were the new community mikvah and our shul, both of which have been consuming my husband and providing him with the kind of education you don't get in reb school.

Ice, for example. A mikvah requires "living water," at least in part, which, simply put, means natural water. The new mikvah is nowhere near a stream or lake and occupies a basement making a rain reservoir impractical.

My husband was one of those in charge of getting the mikvah built. As the deadline for completion neared, the information I gathered from eavesdropping changed from (expletives deleted) "What should we do now?" to "Ice! Ice!"

I kept waiting for the cocktail party, but it seems the ice in question was for the mikvah. Melted, it's "living water."

Go and know.

Best of all is our shul, finally rising above the ground (it will, we hear, put Richmond Hill on the map). I haven't seen my husband take this many pictures since the kids were born.

I really hope the emerging walls will finally stop people from asking "so, does your husband have his synagogue yet?", meaning "congregation," as if the people are synonymous with the building. A recent Decima-Goldfarb-Hite poll (accurate within four points nine times out of 10 on alternate yom tovim) has proven that people build synagogues, not vice versa.

After all, what are you supposed to pay for the bricks with — ice?

There's even a small shopping centre going up across the street from the shul. Now that's exciting. I know it makes my priorities sound a little screwy, but right now the nearest store of any kind is a kilometre away. That's not Siberia, but it does mean the car always wins out over the feet.

There are rumours of a Jewish bakery going into the plaza, hopes for kosher meat and my personal wish for the first stack of Sunday New York Times north of Clark.

I even hear there's an ice cream store going in, but I'm trying to forget that. You see, my husband, who can now read blueprints like Talmud, has taken to wearing construction boots and large flannel shirts all the time and is becoming fluent in Portuguese. If he goes over the deep end entirely and starts whistling at pretty women passing the construction site, they had better all be me.

Opinion

Battle for hearts and minds of future generations of Germans

Debate on "relativizing" Holocaust grows fierce

By
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WEST BERLIN —
It's a debate that has thrown West Germany's intellectual community into turmoil.

Known in German as the *Historikerstreit*, or the historians' conflict, it revolves around the Holocaust.

The burning question it raises is whether the crimes of Nazi Germany were unique, in a class by themselves, or whether they can be compared to the slaughter of Armenians in World War I, the Stalinist reign of terror of the 1930s or the atrocities of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia in the 1970s.

The stakes are high.

As Charles Maier puts it in *The Unmasterable Past (Harvard University Press)*: "If Auschwitz is admittedly dreadful, but dreadful as only one specimen of genocide — as the so-called revisionists have implied — then Germany can still aspire to reclaim a national acceptance that no one denies to perpetrators of other massacres, such as Soviet Russia. But if the Final Solution remains non-comparable — as the opposing historians have insisted -- the past may never be 'worked through,' the future normalized, and German nationhood may remain forever tainted, like some well forever poisoned."

The central figures in the debate have been two of West Germany's most outstanding scholars — Jurgen Habermas, a Frankfurt University philosopher and sociologist, and Ernst Nolte, a Free University of Berlin historian who is probably best known abroad for his monumental book, *Three Faces of Fascism.*

It all began on June 6, 1986, 41 years after the defeat of Nazi Germany, when Nolte, in a piece for the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, fired the opening salvos.

A month later, Habermas returned the fire, attacking Nolte in a Die Zeit rebuttal.

Wrote Nolte: "The Third Reich should be taken out of the isolation in which it still finds itself... the demonization of the Third Reich should be opposed... A thorough investigation and penetrating comparison will not eliminate the singularity of the Third Reich, but they will make it appear nevertheless as part of the history of mankind which not only reproduced traits of the past in a very concentrated form, but which at the same time anticipated future developments and tangled manifest problems of the present."

Nolte went on to argue that "with the sole exception of the gassing procedures," Nazi Germany's war crimes had been duplicated in Soviet Russia.

According to Nolte, the Stalinist Gulag not only preceded the Holocaust but was partly responsible for it because Hitler viewed "the Communist threat" largely as a Jewish one. Nolte adds that genocide was practiced by both the Nazis and the Communists — the former murdering people on the basis of racial origin, the latter killing them on the basis of class.

By way of response, Habermas charged that Nolte was attempting to "relativize" the Holocaust in a new nationalist and conservative quest for a "usable past."

Criticizing what he described as "apologetic tendencies in the writing of modern German history," he said that Nolte and fellow believers, such as the late Andreas Hillgruber of Cologne University, were trying through a "new revisionism" to endow West Germany with a "NATO philosophy with a German national coloring."

"The only patriotism that does not alienate us from the West is a constitutional patriotism," Habermas wrote. "Anyone who tries to summon the Germans back to a conventional form of their national identity is trying to destroy the only reliable basis for our bond to the West."

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The debate, which is really a battle for the hearts and minds of future generations of Germans and of world opinion, has triggered fierce polemics, both in West Germany and overseas.

Joachim Fest, publisher of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and biographer of Hitler, has effectively come to Nolte's defence: "Can one believe that Stalin's work of extermination was executed in an essentially different, less administrative manner?"

Wolfgang Malanowski, a historian, has called Nolte's argument "a perfidious apology." Writing in Der Spiegel, he acknowledged that genocide has historical precedents, but added: "The barbaric, programatically planned ... exterminatory outrages of a highly civilized nation are nevertheless unparallelled."

In an interview, Hans-Adolf Jacobsen, director of Bonn University's Institute of Political Science, dismissed Nolte out of hand, saying it is "ridiculous" to compare Hitler's crimes with those of Stalin.

"In the final analysis, Nolte's analysis is a kind of alibi. It's an attempt 'to finish with the past' and to solve the problems of the future. Nolte represents the alliance of conservative historians and politicians here who want to make it easier for Germans to accept their history. I can't accept this line of argumentation."

Jabobsen, however, is critical of Habermas for not having fully read Hillgruber, "whose contributions to the historiography of Nazi foreign policy are very important."

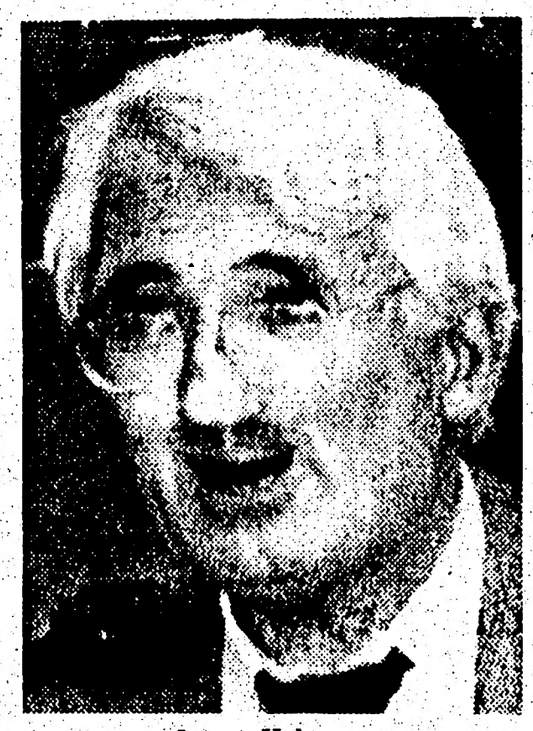
Maier, in *The Unmasterable Past*, writes that "suggesting the comparability of the Final Solution to other genocides opens the way to apologetics (and) facilitates a literature of evasion."

In a review of *The Unmasterable Past* in the New York Times, historian Richard Evans accused Nolte of advancing "a confused new set of suggestions, innuendos and hypotheses."

Jewish community leader Heinz Galinski (left) and West German President Richard von Weizsacker (centre) are seen with Israel's ambassador to Bonn, Yitzhak Ben-Ari.

Ernst Nolte

Charles Maier



Jurgen Habermas

Adolf Hitler

Evans, author of a forthcoming book on the historians' conflict, said that Nolte's thesis thrusts him "into the orbit of the pseudo-academic 'revisionism' of the neofascist right. Thus Mr. Nolte hints that the Nazi extermination of the Jews was justified."

Deborah Lipstadt, author of *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*, charged in The Australian Jewish Times that, in "relativizing" the Holocaust, Nolte and company "are doing something that is historically incorrect, morally offensive and... more dangerous than those who deny that it happened."

As might have been expected, the debate has caught German politicians and Jewish community leaders in its net.

West Germany's widely respected president, Richard von Weizsacker, has put it plainly: "Auschwitz is still singular. This is incontrovertible. And it won't be forgotten."

Heinz Galinksi, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, told The Canadian Jewish News that Nolte's thesis, which is "dangerous," has "damaged" German-Jewish relations and "diminished" the significance of the Holocaust.

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To give them both a fair hearing, I interviewed Habermas and Nolte.

Right off, Habermas said he had no wish to engage in polemics with his rival in West Berlin. "This debate has come to an end," observed Habermas, a doleful person. "It was a controversy within the older generation — those born between 1921 and 1931. In a certain way, it was a superfluous debate. For the younger generation, these issues have been settled and are no longer open. This, at least, is my impression."

I was, frankly speaking, disappointed by his refusal to elaborate upon his critique of Nolte and, I might add, with his cursory analysis of the debate.

By contrast, Nolte was forthcoming, talkative and combative. Precise and methodical, he projects the image of a stereotypical pedantic German professor.

There are, he began, "genocides of many sort." And as a historian, "you have to take into account all holocausts."

Nolte claimed that there are "no absolute facts in history." It's incumbent on a historian "to compare facts."

Rejecting accusations of having "relativized" the Holocaust, Nolte said his intention all along has been to show the relationship between one act of genocide and the next. He said his critics, whom he describes as "so self-centred in their opinions," have committed the cardinal sin of not having read his arguments carefully.

Denying he is a revisionist in the mould of David Irving or Robert Faurrison, both of whom testified on behalf of Toronto Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel, Nolte said he believes "single revisions are necessary."

"I'm an opponent of making history into a myth," he said. (Nolte has written: "... one cannot do scholarship at the open grave of the slain. But no grave is so large and remains so fresh that after the passage of years or decades it cannot become — or must not become — the theme of scholarly inquiry.")

The question as to how many Jews were killed in the Holocaust, he said, remains controversial. "Scientifically, it's legitimate to ask what the numbers are, if there is a possibility of finding out. In history, exact figures can't be determined... The number may be higher than 6 million."

However, the destruction of European Jewry at the hands of National Socialism is "incontrovertible and can't be denied." Those who deny the Holocaust, he emphasized, have ulterior ends in mind. "You can probably suppose they are not directed by scientific motives, but by political propaganda."

The Holocaust, he observed, is "unique in a prominent way."

Nolte is an "intentionalist" rather than a "functionalist," believing that the destruction of European Jewry was Hitler's unswerving goal, even before Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. "Anybody who reads *Mein Kampf* carefully — and who doesn't think that Hitler was just a braggart — cannot come to another conclusion."

Referring to Richard Evans' statement indirectly accusing him of justifying the Holocaust, Nolte said: "He's just a liar. It's just scandalous what Evans writes. He minimizes the Stalinist past. I don't even *think* of saying the Holocaust... was justifiable."

How does he react to Galinski's accusation? "Galinski, in his way, is damaging German-Jewish relations by writing articles in periodicals very close to the German Democratic Republic and the Communist Party."

Galinski, he implied, wants to squelch "boundless historical debate." Nolte, though, agrees with Galinski that the historians' debate should be completely devoid of propaganda.

The public debate, as it has unfolded in German newspapers, has ended. "After three years, it has become a boring subject. But in scientific periodicals, it is just beginning in Germany, and will continue maybe for several years." He has no intention of writing any more articles on the topic, unless, of course, someone attempts to stain his reputation.

In parting, Nolte said his critics have "reproached" him because of their "careless reading" of his views.

I asked him if German-Jewish reconciliation is possible. "Meaningful normalization depends on both sides," said Nolte, who spent time at the Hebrew University in 1981 and found no "enmity" there against him as a German.

Ultimately, he suggested, normalization is dependent on how Jews and Germans relate to history — "whether it's used as a tool for "serious historical thinking," or as "an instrument of historical accusation."

Opinion

Let's keep our eye on the lasting issues

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Canadian Jews have problems, but none of them are, in my view, of a formidable nature.

Yes, we have our native brand of anti-semitism. But we also have our own, well functioning agencies to expose those evil elements and to reduce their effectiveness to the minimum.

J. B. Salsberg

Above everything, we feel that we can count on the reasonableness and basic intelligence of Canadian society as a whole to reject the anti-semitic venom of Hitler's heirs in this country. Once exposed to public view that poison is generally isolated.

That is why I don't fall into a panic when the Canadian media pounces with relish on misdeeds or questionable behavior of individual Jews who, whether well-intentioned or not, land in the quagmire of political machinations. In such instances we join with all fair minded and decent Canadians to clean house.

Time to heed advice of sage

In the light of some such recent "scandals," I wish that some of those innocent political activists would have hearkened to the good advice of Shemaiah.

Who is Shemaiah? Why, he is one of the sages of Pirkei Avot (the Sayings of the Fathers) from which source I quoted a week or two ago.

Shemaiah said: "**Love labor, hate lordship and seek no intimacy with those in authority.**"

On the other hand, and this is important, Canadian Jews will rejoice in the first state visit of an Israeli President to Canada!

As these lines are written, President Chaim Herzog is on a state visit to Canada. He has addressed the Parliament of Canada and has visited the three major Jewish communities in the country.

In each of those communities his visit rallied thousands to welcome him and to forge the link between the Jewish state and the Jews of Canada. Those presidential visits will, I'm sure, be occasions to remember.

Of course, 40 or 41 years of renewed Jewish statehood is but a tiny portion of our long history. But the birth of Israel is of greater historic moment than most of us realize. The guaranteed existence of Israel cannot and must not be taken for granted.

In my mind Israel, the recreated Jewish state, is the only guaranty for Jewish national continuity. I know that many will question and some will disagree with my diagnosis. But I'm quite ready to defend my conclusions. That is why I consider the state visit of President Herzog to this country as a momentous occasion and one that organized Canadian Jewry should celebrate with full pomp and glory.

This is especially important at this critical hour when the Israeli ship of state is navigating in unsettled waters and when friendly and unfriendly states are exerting powerful pressures for "permanent solutions."

So, let's maintain a proper perspective on our affairs.

Our domestic events, even those that receive saturating coverage by our media, are only of passing nature and will fade into obscurity in days or weeks. But there are issues and challenges of lasting importance and effect. These must receive our prime attention.

Welcome, President Herzog!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to condense and edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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NO CHRAIN IN SPAIN

How excited I was to read in your publication about the trip planned by Israel Bonds to Spain and Israel. How disappointed I was to learn that I am excluded from joining because no provisions are being made to provide any kosher food. That an organization like that should plan a trip like this! How sad!

H. Katz
Montreal

Editor's Note: The Bonds office says it is not possible to guarantee kosher meals in the Spanish portion of the 2-week trip, though vegetarian and fish meals are available.

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THE FORWARD IS BILINGUAL

For a number of years now, with the decline in the number of Yiddish readers, the Yiddish newspaper the Forward is published in two sections — one in Yiddish and the other in English.

Before this happened I would often read most interesting articles and would think to myself, how unfortunate it is that this journalism, pertinent to Jews around the world, is not available to the non-Yiddish-reading public.

We never discard this weekly. After we are through with it we drop it off at the Jewish Public Library, where the subscription to the Forward was discontinued several years ago. In this way, not only do we enjoy it in our home, but other readers can also read it.

Miriam Beckerman
Don Mills

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SUPPORTED YIDDISH CULTURE

The May 25 issue of the CJN carried a most impressive obituary on the late Joseph Berman, especially re his remarkable record as a benefactor to many worthy Jewish cultural and educational causes.

However, absent from this magnificent, most generous list are references to his contributions to the development of a worldwide movement towards strengthening Yiddish culture under the leadership of the World Council of Yiddish Culture in Israel, as well as his support of the Council's prestigious periodical "Be Zich;" and especially his considerable contribution to our Montreal Foundation for Yiddish Culture, in honor of Jacob Zipper and Shlome Wiseman, of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region.

Prof. Arthur Lermer
Montreal

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WHO WAS FIRST?

The respected British newsweekly The Economist and the American monthly Harper's Magazine have noted recently the resemblance between the 1988 Palestinian declaration of independence and the Israeli one in 1948.

In the other Middle East story of origins, many claim that the narratives of the creation and the flood in the Torah correspond to, and were even copied from, the myths of the pagan Mesopotamians. Indeed, these were the premises of a show in the TVOntario series, Testament: The Bible And History, shown last fall. The series also cast doubt on the Biblical origins of the Jewish people.

But the Biblical narratives, according to Judaism, occurred earlier than the pagan myths. Who, like today, copied from whom?

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

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13,000 WALKED FOR UJA

A story about 13,000 men, women and children who turn out for a UJA Walkathon and Festival appears in your Organizations and People section on page 26 of the June 1 CJN while "KKK deposes Jewish leader" is the front page headine.

When 13,000 local Jews act in unison as a gesture of solidarity — is this not front page news? Surely meetings, speakers and assemblies are "organizational" but a rally of 13,000?

By burying this story you failed to highlight what is best about this community.

Marty Goldberg
Campaign Co-Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
Toronto

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Mikhail Gorbachev...glasnost a ploy?

DOUBTS SOVIET PROMISES

In your June 15 edition you report that Irwin Cotler came away from his recent trip to the U.S.S.R. encouraged and optimistic on the development of democracy and pleased with the progress on human rights which he describes as "almost without parallel in history."

I wish I could share his optimism. While it was gratifying to see Refuseniks speak openly and apparently without harassment during the Conference that I attended May 17th to May 19th in Moscow on the issue of Freedom of Movement, I still could not help but be disappointed by the dozens of Resfuseniks who approached me and stated that glasnost meant nothing to them because they were still prevented from emigrating on the basis of allegations that they possess state secrets or that they had "poor relatives."

I hope I am proved wrong, but I am satisfied that Mr. Gorbachev's glasnost is a ploy to seduce the West so as to permit the Soviet Union to address its serious economic problems, and that in the final analysis there is no serious commitment to improve human rights or to permit a substantial flow of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

Until the KGB is dismantled and the oppressive bureaucracy that still runs the Soviet Union is reformed, law after law will be passed as a matter of form, but will have no substantive impact unless accompanied by a change of attitude and performance.

Like Irwin Cotler, I, too, have a list of 618 Refuseniks that I have submitted to the Soviet ambassador to Canada and if there is truly a change in Mr. Gorbachev's Soviet Union, then I would expect that within a few weeks we would learn that that list has been reduced to zero.

Bert Raphael
Chairman
Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry
Toronto

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NEED MUSIC IN SYNAGOGUES

I was recently sitting in a small Roman Catholic Church in Paris and I was listening to a quartet playing Vivaldi's Four Seasons. The audience was made up of people of all ages and from all strata of society.

I was delighted, almost entranced by the music; my ears were treated to beautiful sounds, my eyes were charmed by the rays of a dying sun filtering through stained glass windows.

I thought that it was an excellent way to influence people, bring the congregation back to religion, and, even more, bring new people into that religion. Then I thought: are we remiss in our religion, in our congregations; are we neglecting our members, our children?

I happen to like music and will go wherever I can to listen to it; whether it be symphonies in great halls or smaller ensembles. I have gone to churches in Canada, the U.S.A. and in various European countries. It seems to me that lately the church has almost appropriated music to itself.

Only rarely have I found an occasion to attend a recital of classical music in a synagogue. Granted, some music is definitely church music and I doubt that an Ave Maria or a Te Deum would be welcome in most of our circles. I think however that there is a definite place for classical music in our temples and synagogues.

I hope that the heads of the various congregations will give some thought to this suggestion and take steps that will bring more members within its walls and will stimulate our children not only to listen but also to perform great music, and do that in our own environment and not somewhere else.

Morris Asa, M.D.
Thornhill

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VISIT ISRAEL

I was in Israel for three months with the Keren Kayemeth and Golden Age Association work and study group.

I was appalled at the lack of support shown by our people from Canada and the United States. The drastic decrease in tourism is evidence of the success of Arab propaganda tactics that show Israel as the aggressor and themselves as victims.

When I was there I did not see any terrorist acts and found there was nothing to fear for those who come to visit Israel. Ironically, I saw more gentile tourists, from Germany, Finland, Sweden and other European countries, who came to see the wondrous Biblical sights. Our people, who should show their confidence and support of Israel, stayed away.

Show your faith and visit this ancient and marvelous country. You will be proud to be Jewish.

Tillie Segal
Montreal

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CAPITOFSKY FAMILY

I am a proud member of the Cappe family and have been since the day I married Maxwell Cappe in 1949. I spent many hours with my late in-laws, Louis and Esther Cappe, reminiscing with them about their old shtetle days in **Russia.** They came from Linitz and Nemerev respectively, close to Kiev.

Never was there mentioned a Polish town called Kopytow. There may be some people named Kopytowski who come from a Polish town called Kopytow — but the Capitofskys come from the environs of Linitz, Russia, and would therefore have no connection.

Mildred Cappe
Thornhill

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PM'S STAND NOT CREDIBLE

The Prime Minister's assurances of his commitment to Israel would be more credible had Canada not voted against Israel in the U.N., in a one sided and far from even handed condemnation of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising.

It does not even condemn the stone throwing and fire bombing of the mob, nor mention Arafat's recruitment of a Palestinian army.

Pearl Miller
Downsview

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ENJOYS THE CJN

Sometimes it's nice when you have someone tell you how much pleasure they get out of an article. We enjoy your paper because it's current on Jewish local affairs, as well as the stories on Israel.

A recent issue had an article about/from an old friend from Regina, and a short few years from Vancouver . . . Mr. Barney Krivel. I enjoyed reading about Barney's exploits and please pass on to him that I want a copy of his book when he has it finished. I just hung up the phone after reading this article to another couple of "prairie chicken" friends and we had a good laugh over his exploits.

Your articles about Israel should get to the various papers in Canada from time to time, but I can't recall seeing anything reprinted from your paper in our Vancouver Sun or Province. We suffer from slanted articles almost daily. It's frustrating for us who have visited Israel many times, and it hurts when we experience the condemnation of our country, Canada, against where our hearts and emotions are, Israel.

I have friends and relatives living there by choice and I've reached a point where I feel we owe those people a great debt for shouldering all "our problems" for so many years and now they're still not getting their reward of satisfaction for a job they've performed miraculously in the space of only 40+ years. Today they are carrying our spirits along with their will to succeed against formidable odds and we are unable even to put up a good fight in the War of Words here in Canada!

Irving Goldenberg
Vancouver

World-National

DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The U.S. physicist Theodore Maiman was born in Los Angeles on July 11, 1927. He built the first laser, based on a 1917 concept of Albert Einstein whose applications continue to revolutionize science, medicine, industry, and the military.

Laser stands for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Einstein, in connection with his photoelectric work that earned him a Nobel Prize, theorized that excited atoms — in heated molecules, for example — could be stimulated into releasing their excess energy in the form of light, if bombarded by light of an appropriate frequency. Moreover, the stimulated light would be coherent, particularly focused in a way commonly not found in nature.

The sun, electricity, a candle or a kerosene lamp is called an incoherent source, because its light is emitted in a mix of different wavelengths and intensities, no matter how uniform it looks to the naked eye. A curved mirror behind the light source and sometimes one or more lenses in front can shape normal light into a beam, like a flashlight's, a headlight's, or a projector's. Such techniques are limited by the incoherence of the natural source, whose emitted waves can be compared to the Keystone Cops: of various sizes, blundering, and unruly. To make what the Harper Dictionary of Science in Everyday Language calls "a precise, coherent, pinpoint, concentrated light source," the source must emit waves of the same wavelength moving in the same direction: a troop of perfectly disciplined soldiers. These waves are emitted in two steps. Electrons in an atom are stimulated to move from one orbit to the next, creating the equal wavelengths. The latter are then reflected back and forth between two mirrors until they achieve coherence, or form up.

Laser light

Maiman was the younger of a number of researchers in various parts of the world in the race to build a viable light concentrator. (In 1964, another American and two Russians were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize for developing lasers.) Upon receiving his Ph.D from Stanford University in 1955, he began work at Miami's Hughes Research Laboratories on an analagous technique of energy unification based on (invisible) microwaves, *masers*. He instituted design innovations that greatly increased maser applications in radar and satellite communications. (In radio astronomy, masers allowed the measurement of faint radio waves from Venus, giving the first empirical indication of the planet's temperature. Masers facilitate microwave communication.)

Maiman turned to applying the principles to visible energy, light. He bombarded the chromium molecules of a ruby with intense light, and rendered coherent the emitted deep red waves. (Now various elements are used in various lasers, each emitting its characteristic light.) What he created in 1960 was a new tool for the minutely controllable application of energy. Two years later, he established his own company for research, development, and manufacture of lasers.

Focusing a wide beam of laser light into a thin beam with a pinpoint tip produces a kind of blade that allows:

- Cutting of layers of material, from cloth for suits to metal for machine forms.
- Intricate bloodless surgery, from cutting away cancerous tissue without harming adjacent healthy tissue, to welding together damaged blood vessels without scarring.
- Spot-welding components in automobile and other assembly lines.
- The transmission of telephone voice vibrations — as pulses of laser light — at the rate of several thousand simultaneous telephone conversations per hair-thin glass fibre.
- The creation of holograms, 3-dimensional images projected in midair, the probable TV and film form of the near future.
- Possibly nuclear fusion, the creation of unlimited energy from the fusion rather than fission of atoms. Concentrated laser beams may be able to reach the millions of degrees in temperature thought necessary for the fusion process.
- The ray guns and cannon of science fiction fame being developed for high atmospheric and outer space application, where clouds, excessive moisture, and pollutants will not disturb the beams.

The laser's development and applications continue to be the work of many, but Maiman's is the name inextricably linked to this recent 2-edged gift to humanity.

Intifada seen as hampering planning

By SOLOMON CHROM

TORONTO — Political problems and undisciplined spending habits are hampering long-range planning in Israel, says a prominent Israeli economist.

Prof. Shlomo Maital, an instructor at the Technion and consultant to the ministry of economic planning, told The CJN that the intifada has deflected attention from the need for coherent analysis and policy-making.

"Economic policy shouldn't react to events, but should be based on a long-term plan," the Regina-born Maital said in an interview. "People did not foresee what the implications were, but the intifada is a major reason for Israel's current deep recession."

Since November 1987, Israel has experienced no growth in its per capita gross domestic product, he said. This represents a cost of more than $600 million a year, according to conservative estimates.

Maital added that gloomy economic predictions about the intifada, which were made as early as January 1988, were ridiculed at first because many Israelis felt that to admit the impact of the uprising would encourage its leaders.

However, he noted, Israelis now realize that they must move toward a political settlement much faster.

If the PLO accepts the current plan for elections in the territories, he said, Israel will be able to negotiate with democratically chosen Palestinian leaders. Eventually, a land-for-peace arrangement may be possible.

"If they agree, elections should be possible within a year."

He says Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza are a liability, because of the capital costs involved in setting them up and the military resources needed to protect them. It is more important to counter the decreasing Jewish population in regions inside the Green Line, such as the Galilee.

He blames poor planning for this, noting that it can take 15 years to plan, finance, and implement the development of a region.

"We've done this successfully — the Lachish region of the northern Negev is still the breadbasket of Israel. In the early 50s, they settled immigrants from North Africa there and the whole area was carefully developed, but we've done nothing comparable since then."

Why not?

"When your house is on fire, you don't think about building an addition."

Because of the intifada's effect on foreign investment, Maital said the billions of dollars needed to fuel economic growth will have to come from inside Israel. The problem is that Israelis are more inclined to spend than save.

To remedy this, Maital says, changes to the tax structure are necessary, as well as higher-yield short-term savings instruments. He recommends taxing spending rather than income because it provides a greater incentive to save.

"There is a lot of conspicuous consumption, and that is not appropriate for a country with a $31 billion external debt."

He suggests that Israel needs to concentrate on areas of comparative advantage, such as brainpower. It currently exports $50 to $70 million in computer software, for instance, but with better marketing and distribution, it could be exporting four or five times as much.

"There's a major role here for Jews in the Diaspora. We're a small country 9,000 miles away from its markets, but joint ventures between Israeli software producers and American Jewish marketers have proven successful."

Maital is the son of Morris and Sally Malt of Willowdale. He studied at Queen's, Manchester, and Princeton Universities, and has lived in Israel since 1967.

Shekel devalued to assist exporters

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Israeli shekel was devalued again last week, this time by 4.9%. Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno and Finance Minister Shimon Peres said the move was designed to boost exporters' profits.

The devaluation followed several days of speculative purchases of nearly $100 million in foreign currencies that were boosted by rumors on the impending move. But Bruno insisted that the devaluation had been decided on six weeks ago and was not a reaction to public pressure.

Contrary to expectations, however, the public did not rush to the banks afterwards to sell back foreign currency, as generally happens after a devaluation. Bank of Israel sources refrained from saying that this meant that there was no confidence that the move would stabilize the shekel. The sources said it was too early to know whether foreign currency would return to the banks.

The "stable" exchange rate set by the Bank of Israel was 2.0649 shekels against the basket of currencies used in such calculations. According to the new economic plan launched last January, the "stable" rate is one around which the Bank of Israel is free to set fluctuations of up to 3% depending on currency inflows or outflows. This means that the exact rate of exchange will be determined by the Bank of Israel in keeping with foreign currency inflows.

In its official statement, the Bank of Israel said the devaluation was meant to help exporters and to encourage economic activity. Unlike statements made after major economic measures had been implemented in the past, the central bank's official statement did not mention price stability. Both Bruno and Peres described the devaluation as "moderate." Peres added that he was sure that it would have only a very small effect on prices and wages.

But immediately after the devaluation was announced, the Histadrut said it would demand full compensation for the price increase that would surely follow.

In other developments, Finance Minister Shimon Peres implied in the cabinet that limited devaluations will take place every few months.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Which Israeli president was known as "President of all the people?"
2. What war broke out on October 6, 1973?
3. What war between Israel and Egypt was known as the Sinai campaign?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.
2. Yom Kippur War.
3. The short war between October 29-November 5, 1956.

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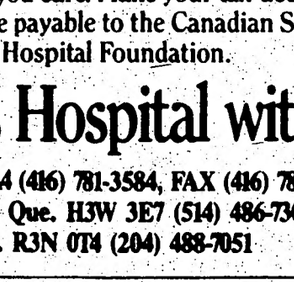

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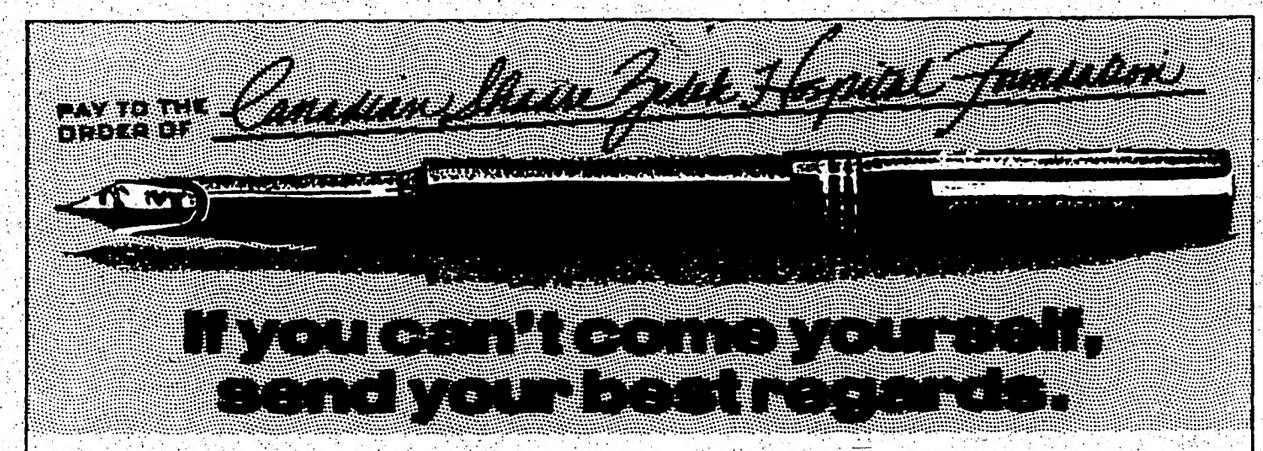

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Will retain absorption services

Jewish Agency urges more Soviet Jewry aid

By
JTA & JPFS

JERUSALEM —
The Jewish Agency Assembly recommended last last week that the Agency and the government of Israel begin an "emergency cooperative effort" to expand the absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel.

The Agency also decided to suspend the transfer of basic immigrant absorption services to the government. A resolution adopted at the final session of the Agency assembly said that the agreement to transfer services should be "renegotiated," and that the Agency should move ahead with its absorption operations until this is accomplished.

New immigrants and their advocates had called on the assembly to revoke or suspend the 2-year-old transfer agreement, in order to improve the morale of agency absorption workers who feel their jobs may be eliminated any day.

A study tabled by the absorption minister at the assembly found that many immigrants who have gone through absorption over the past two years have suffered serious problems in acclimatizing to Israel.

The recommendations on absorption were contained in two of five resolutions adopted by the assembly that address the anticipated influx of an estimated 5,000 to 7,500 Soviet Jewish immigrants this year.

In all, the assembly adopted nearly 20 resolutions on the final day of its 4-day annual meeting here. The resolutions contain the basic policy directives that will guide the Jewish Agency's board of governors over the next year.

They also stipulate how the agency will spend the $360 million raised annually in the Diaspora on the Agency's behalf. The board of governors will assess whether the budget allows the assembly's recommendations to be carried out.

The nearly seven hours of debate were marked by little controversy, despite the apparent disappointment by various delegates that their own proposals on absorption, Jewish education, rural settlement and the structure of the Jewish Agency were either rejected or diluted.

In one hotly argued resolution that eventually passed, the assembly called for a special committee to consider the relationship between the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, with an eye toward improving the efficiency of the intertwined bodies while increasing the "financial independence" of the WZO.

The relationship issue was played as a quiet battle between leaders of Zionist organizations, who implement WZO educational and outreach programs outside of Israel, and leaders of philanthropic organs in the Diaspora.

The philanthropists, representing the United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal, Keren Hayesod and community-based federations, want the WZO to be more accountable for the money they allocate to it.

Zionist organization leaders rejoiced in the resolution, which closely follows one adopted recently by their own Zionist General Council and avoids language that would have given more control to the philanthropists.

In a discussion of fundraising for the Agency, Keren Hayesod Chairman Phil Granovsky of Canada, said that since 1985, allocations to Israel from fund raisers outside the U.S. have increased from $86 million to $111 million in 1988-89.

United Jewish Appeal Chairman Morton Kornreich said the cash raised for Israel in the U.S. had increased from $242 million in 1984 to $270 million this year, but that the amounts raised in special campaigns for Israel had dropped from $52 million to $13 million during this time.

Earlier in the assembly, Housing Minister David Levy unveiled the steps his ministry is taking to prepare for a possible mass aliya of Soviet Jews over the next several years. These include proposals to exempt landlords from income tax from flats rented to immigrants, and to provide substantial incentives to promote construction of rental housing. These steps could make thousands of flats available for immigrants, he said.

If immigrants arrive in great numbers, he said, his ministry can take plans for new construction off the shelf and implement them in a relatively short time. The assembly, however, was practically united in opposing Levy's plan to absorb many Soviet emigres in West Bank settlements.

Israel's hopes for a massive Soviet Jewish aliya in the near future, however, are "an illusion and nonsense," according to a Moscow-based Jewish activist in Israel for the assembly.

Irena Shapira, 27, a lawyer who serves on the executive of the Israel Friendship Association, a 700-member group that seeks to promote aliya, said officials here predicting a large-scale aliya "are misinformed."

"Based on my own experience, most (Jewish) people (seeking to leave the Soviet Union) want to go to America," Shapira said. "But if they have no chance to do that, they will decide to remain in Moscow and Leningrad."

In other developments, representatives of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society told reporters there is a "strong possibility" that the U.S. government will change its policy soon on Soviet Jewish emigrants so that only those with relatives in the U.S. will be able to apply for refugee status.

"This will increase the numbers of Soviet Jews coming to Israel," Hias President Ben-Zion Leuchter said

Leuchter said that of the 11,000 Soviet Jews now waiting near Rome for American visas, a little under half have relatives in the U.S. He reiterated Hias's long-standing view that "all Soviet Jews are refugees in the context of U.S. law, which bases this status on a 'well-founded fear of persecution.' "

He said the recent decision by Congress to allocate $75 million more this fiscal year for Soviet Jewish refugees is "a major gift to Israel. This allocation means that most of the money from the Passage to Freedom campaign that would have gone to the Joint Distribution Committee and Hias will now come to Israel.

This allocation, he said, does not cover domestic costs of refugee resettlement, which will have to be borne by the Jewish community federations and the emigrants' families.

In the 1989 fiscal year, they said, about 30,000 Soviet Jews will enter the U.S. as refugees. The number of refugee slots for applicants from all over the world started at 90,000 and has now risen to 115,000.

The Hias leaders said that "it would not be politically feasible for the American government to give half of all the refugee slots for the coming year to Soviet Jews, even if the overall level is kept where it is now, which is not certain."

This means, they said, that the number of Soviet Jews to be allowed into the U.S. as refugees during the next fiscal year could range from 30,000 to 55,000, although it is unlikely to reach the top figure. Only 5,000 to 7,000 are expected to choose Israel.

Turner says Palestinians should have homeland

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John Turner also reiterated his party's view that the Palestinians have the right to a homeland in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "The nature of such a homeland and its relationship to its neighbors should be determined through negotiation," read a statement issued by Turner's office.

"We believe the decision of the PLO to move towards compromise and accommodation and the Israeli offer to hold elections in the West Bank and Gaza are important first steps" to a negotiated settlement.

Turner put forward a 2-phase process whereby an international conference, involving the United States and the Soviet Union, leads to bilateral negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Interim arrangements would have to be made for the day-to-day administration of the territories.

New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent also paid a call to Herzog at Government House, but issued no comment.

NDP MP Derek Blackburn, representing the Brant riding in Ontario, was among the signatories of a quarter-page ad in The Globe and Mail the day of Herzog's address to Parliament appealing to Mulroney to remember the "over 15,000 Palestinian children killed or wounded" by Israeli action during the 18-month-old uprising.

The ad was placed by the Canadian Coalition for Palestinian Human Rights, which in a press release describes itself as having been formed in 1987 to bring attention to alleged human rights abuses suffered by Palestinians.

The group said Palestinian children have been paying "a brutal price" as a result of Israel's "iron fist repression" in the territories.

Among the other signatories of the ad were the Rev. Clarke MacDonald, former moderator of the United Church of Canada; Daniel Zehr, executive director of the Mennonite Central Committee; and Canadian Union of Postal Workers president Jean Claude Parrot. — J.A.

Herzog lays the blame on Arabs' doorstep

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Palestinian Covenant continues to call for the destruction of Israel and make contradictory statements. Herzog also claimed Yasser Arafat does not have full control of the PLO.

Herzog put the blame for the current strife in the territories on the Arabs themselves because of their refusal to enter into peace negotiations. Since the creation of the state in 1948, Herzog said the Arab nations have repeatedly rejected Israel's peace offers.

No Palestinian state was established during the 10 years the West Bank was occupied by Jordan and Gaza by Egypt because "then as today the last thing the Arab countries wanted, their protestations to the contrary notwithstanding, was a Palestinian state."

Peace with the Arab states is possible, Herzog said, pointing to the normalized relations with Egypt and the unofficial economic links with Jordan, as well as peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs in Israel.

"A glance at the Middle East must surely emphasize the vital significance for the security of the Free World of this solid island of stability, loyalty and friendship to the West," Herzog said of his country.

Nevertheless, Herzog admitted Israeli society is "torn by doubts and hesitations" about the Palestinian issue. Criticism of Israeli action in the uprising is "nowhere more pointed than in Israel, in the Knesset or in the (Israeli) media."

Upon arriving and departing the House Herzog was confronted with noisy pro-Palestinian supporters on Parliament Hill.

Bearing Palestinian flags and green, black, red and white balloons, the approximately 150 demonstrators shouted "PLO" and "Long Live Palestine." Placards decried "Israeli State Terrorism" and Israel's occupation of Lebanon.

A small group of pro-Israel demonstrators were also present when Herzog arrived, and the two groups — kept well apart by the RCMP — briefly engaged in a shouting match.

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Conference of Presidents head in Montreal

Inviting Arafat would be mistake, Canada told

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — The Canadian government should think twice before it invites PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to Canada as part of its upgrading of ties with the organization, Seymour Reich, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, says in an interview.

"It would be unfortunate for the Prime Minister to speak to Arafat," said Reich, in Montreal to address a State of Israel Bonds tribute dinner for Ted Greenfield, a former president of B'nai Brith Canada being honored by BBC's Quebec Region and the Congregation Beth Ora.

Referring to a recent visit by Arafat to France, Reich said: "(President Francois) Mitterand has already made that mistake."

During the 20-minute interview, Reich, the chief spokesman for Jewish organizations in the U.S. and the international president of B'nai Brith, expressed a wait-and-see approach vis-a-vis American talks with the PLO.

"We have not asked the Americans to break off the dialogue."

But as far as Reich is concerned, Arafat has not yet "spoken the magic words" — translated proclamations of peace into action or renounced terrorism to his, Israel's or most of the Jewish community's satisfaction.

The PLO charter remains intact and terrorist incursions continue, he said.

Arafat also has to demonstrate he has control over his organization, in Reich's view.

Moderate Palestinians are "collaborators" being killed with increasing frequency, and when a Palestinians state is discussed, "Do they mean Hebron and Nablus or Haifa and Tel Aviv?"

If "another Ma'alot (terrorist attack)" takes place, "then the world will see that (Arafat's) words are not enough," Reich told the 360 dinner guests.

Reich also wanted to stress that "Israel deserves the opportunity to wage peace" through the new 4-point peace plan put forward by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and endorsed by U.S. President George Bush.

Reich said member Jewish organizations to the Conference and Israelis across the political spectrum are supporting the plan, including B'nai Brith, "unanimously, wholeheartedly, and without reservation."

While dissent is natural in Jewish communities and in Israel, he said, there is no argument that the plan, a transitional arrangement leading to an eventual form of autonomy through the election of Palestinian representatives, deserves a chance.

Canadians and Americans should demonstrate their support of the plan and "not cut Israel off at the pass...It is not helpful for the Jewish community to be divided on matters regrading security," he said.

Canada should also not grant recognition to any so-called "final status" Palestinian state, Reich said.

Reich told The CJN that the peace ball is in the Palestinian court.

"The (Israeli) government is taking risks, even being challenged within its own (Likud) party (about the plan). Now it's up to the Palestinians to come forward and elect representatives."

Reich agreed the the status quo — the continuation of the intifadah — is unacceptable, "particularly to Israelis."

"Everyone is frustrated. On television, it's David and Goliath in reverse, Israel on the defensive — a public relations war because television does not explain."

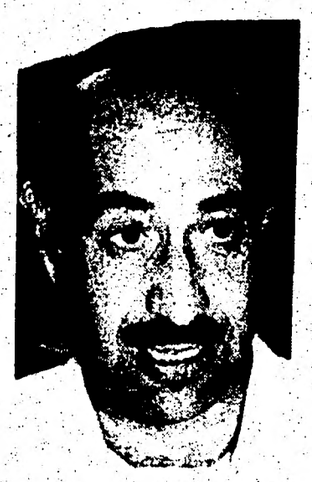
What's not pointed out is that Arabs caused the occupation through aggression, Reich said.

The dinner raised well in excess of $400,000 in Bond sales.

Greenfield was honored for his three decades of involvement in the Jewish community and in B'nai Brith Canada, where he also served as Maple Leaf Lodge president, International Board of Governors member, League for Human Rights and B'nai Brith Youth organization national chairman, and vice-chairman of the International Youth Commission.

Greenfield also served five years as Quebec Region chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee and has been active at Bonds, the Combined Jewish Appeal and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Meir Wilner



Abd-el Wahab Darousha

Tawfik Zayyad

Request to question MKs on meeting with PLO hit

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An exceptional request by by Attorney General Yosef Harish to interrogate three Knesset members about their meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat was applauded last week by the right-wing and denounced by the left.

The Knesset members are Communist Party members Meir Wilner and Tawfik Zayyad, and Abdel Wahab Darousha of the Arab Democratic Party. Zayyad and Darousha are Arabs.

In addition, the attorney general plans to question Tamar Guzsansky, a leader of the Communist Party, about her meetings with various PLO representatives.

Israeli law forbids citizens from any form of contact with members of terrorist organizations, a category the government insists includes the mainstream PLO, despite Arafat's renunciation of terrorism in Algiers last year.

Harish's request came as Abie Nathan, probably the most famous Israeli peace advocate, went on trial in a Ramla magistrate's court for violation of the law.

Nathan, a private citizen, freely admitted having several meetings with Arafat and other PLO figures.

Haim Ramon, chairman of the Labor Party's Knesset faction, said that, while he respects the law, he would oppose the attorney general's request.

He maintained that the three Knesset members were acting in the framework of their parliamentary duties when they met with Arafat.

Darousha reacted angrily to Harish, saying it was regrettable that the attorney general had asked the Knesset to lift his parliamentary immunity.

Darousha said he would meet with the PLO again if he thought it would advance the peace process.

Arab kidnapping suspect shot by IDF in gunbattle

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Arab suspected of kidnapping an American relief worker was shot to death Wednesday by Israel Defence Force soldiers in Gaza.

Seven other Arabs were wounded in clashes with security forces in the West Bank.

The slain suspect, Mohammad Ahmad Hassan Nasser, was the target of an IDF dragnet in the Gaza Strip.

He is believed to have been one of the three gunmen who abducted Chris George, head of the West Bank-Gaza section of the Save the Children Foundation, from his Gaza office on June 22.

George, who was released unharmed 29 hours later, reportedly identified Nasser as one of his kidnappers.

According to security sources, Nasser also is suspected of injuring an Israeli security guard with an axe in the Gaza Strip two weeks ago and firing at an IDF officer in Gaza.

The officer was slightly wounded. An Arab bystander was killed.

Nasser, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was imprisoned for security offences and later released in a 1985 prisoner exchange.

According to security sources, Nasser, trying to evade the Gaza manhunt, hijacked a taxi Wednesday night. It was stopped by soldiers. The suspect reportedly refused to surrender and was fatally shot when he drew his gun.

The security forces, meanwhile, are continuing their search for the other kidnappers, including Abu Nasr, who has been sought by the authorities for some time in connection with other security-related offences.

George was well known for his sympathy with the Palestinian cause, and it seemed unlikely that a terrorist organization would target a sympathizer for kidnapping, Israeli sources said.

After he returned to his home in Ramallah in the West Bank, he was quoted as saying he had "mixed feelings" about his kidnappers.

George's abduction was the first of an American in the Israeli administered territories, and it introduced a new, potentially dangerous element to the 18-month Palestinian uprising.

Abduction is a political weapon used extensively in Lebanon, where kidnappings and the taking of foreigners as hostages is endemic.

That, and other recent developments have raised fears among Israelis of the "Lebanization" of their country.

As for George, while authorities would like to see him leave, Israel cannot deport him.

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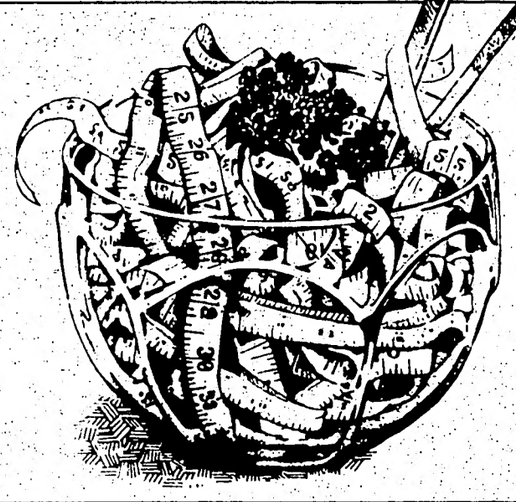

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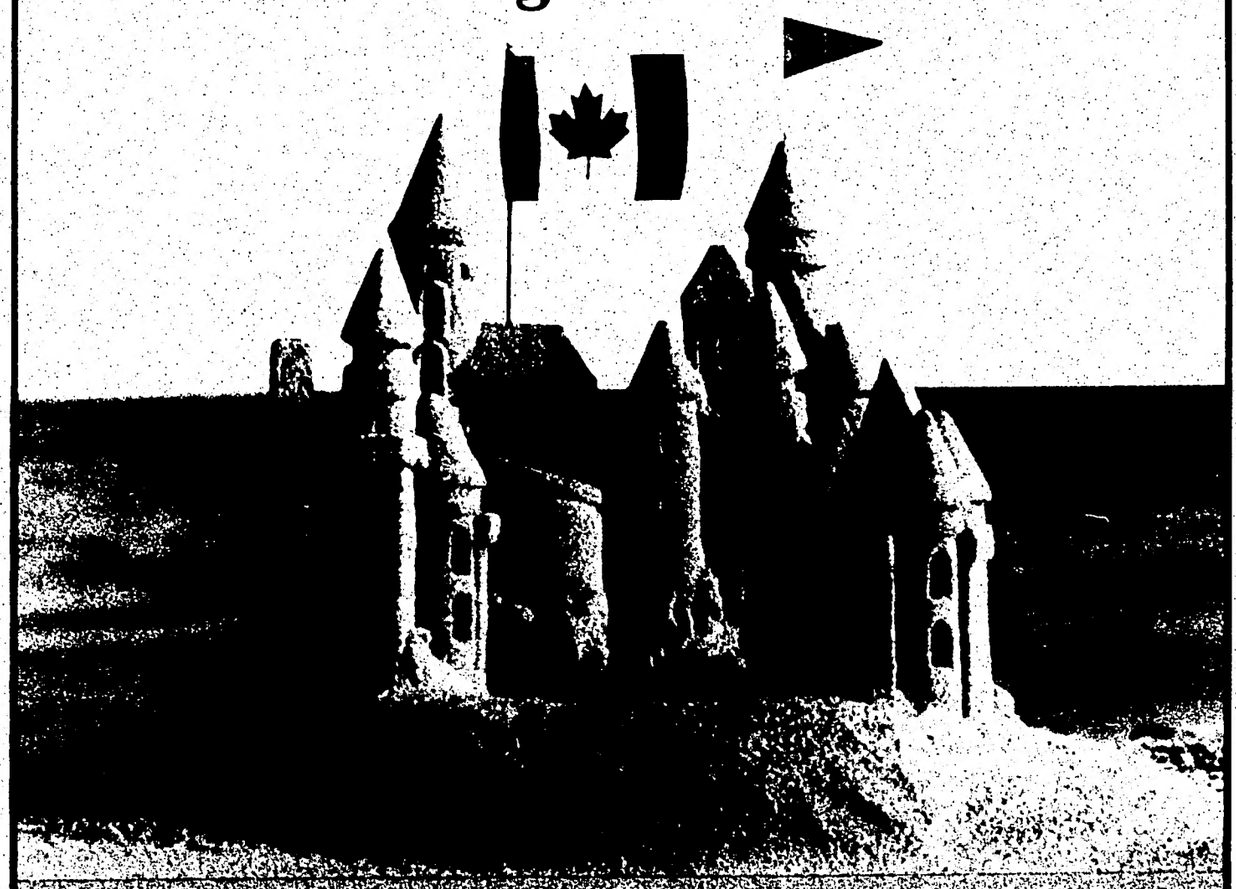

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Desecrated Shaarei Shomayim

Arrest made in shul vandalism

By
JEFF ROSEN

The Israel Bonds sign at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in Toronto was defaced last month. [Jeff Rosen photo]

TORONTO —

A 21-year-old Toronto "skinhead" has been arrested in connection with the anti-semitic attack on Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue which took place last month.

Metro Toronto Police have charged Australian-born Zvonimir Lelas with mischief in connection with the desecration of the Orthodox synagogue, a nearby Jewish school and an automobile across the street.

The synagogue was found defaced the morning of June 11 with red swastikas painted on the front doors, as well as on an Israel Bonds sign in front of the shul. As well, White Power and WP were painted on the windows and Smash ZOG (Zionist Occupation Government) was painted on the front sidewalk.

The neighboring Jewish elementary school was also defaced by Nazi markings and a swastika was drawn on the hood of the car.

Police said the suspect was arrested after information was received which came in as a "direct result" of the combined efforts of Canadian Jewish Congress and citizens through Crimestoppers.

The investigation is continuing.

UIA trip to Israel, Poland

Students sought for mission

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

United Israel Appeal of Canada has begun recruiting youth from public and Jewish day schools for a 1990 mission to Israel and Poland which will include a mass march in memory of Holocaust victims.

About 400 Canadian students aged 16 to 18 — along with 50 educators and adult advisors — are expected to participate in the 2-week mission, says a UIA of Canada news release.

A highlight will be the March of the Living in which up to 3,000 Jewish students from around the world will march 3.5 kilometres, retracing the steps that hundreds of thousands of Jews were forced to take on their way to annihilation in the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp compound in World War II.

An estimated 2.2 million Jews were killed at the compound. The march will take place on Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), and will culminate in a religious service commemorating Holocaust victims.

Reuven Rosenfelder, spokesman for UIA of Canada, said the march's purpose is to let young Jewish people learn first-hand about the Holocaust.

Later in the trip — being organized by the Tel Aviv-based March of the Living — a large celebration is planned on Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). The jamboree of thousands of Israelis and visiting youths will be held at a central location in Israel, he said.

By going to Israel after visiting Poland, the young people will experience the meaning of an independent Jewish state, where Jews feel secure, Rosenfelder said.

"It's very important in educating future generations of young Canadian Jews."

"We're hoping it will create a greater involvement and desire among youth to become involved in communal life and communal activities," he said.

Canadian Jewish youth first joined in a March of the Living in April, 1988, says a UIA of Canada news release.

"It proved to be a profound experience for these young men and women, and one which they shared most effectively with their own communities," said Walter Hess, UIA of Canada's executive vice-president.

"As a result, we plan to recruit a substantially larger number for 1990."

In Poland, participants will visit centres once vibrant with Jewish life and learning. Included are Warsaw, Cracow and Lublin, as well as Holocaust sites such as Treblinka and Majdanek.

On the mission, young people will get together with peers from Eastern Europe, Western Europe, the U.S., South America, South Africa and Israel.

UIA of Canada is partially subsidizing the trip for Canadian teenagers, to make it more affordable.

For more information, call march coordinator Eli Rubenstein at (416) 636-7655 or write to him at UIA of Canada, 4600 Bathurst St., Ste. 315, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V3.

U.S. Jewish group opens Hungary office

BUDAPEST (JTA) —

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee announced here recently that it has reopened a permanent office in Hungary.

The office began operating when the JDC received permission from Prime Minister Bruno Straub, who is president of the Council of Ministers.

The office will allow the agency, the overseas relief arm of the American Jewish community, to manage first-hand the variety of programs it has been operating in Hungary since 1980.

Prior to World War II, the Joint maintained an office here, but it was forced to close in 1939.

In New York, JDC President Sylvia Hassenfeld released a statement expressing the organization's pride in the growth and development of its programs in Hungary.

"When JDC returned to Hungary in 1980, we concentrated on providing much-needed assistance to Holocaust survivors. Working in tandem with the community, we were quickly able to branch out into formal and informal educational activities for Jewish youth," she said.

"Reestablishing our permanent office in Budapest will enhance our ability to meet the needs of the increasingly vibrant Jewish community," Hassenfeld added.

JDC projects in Hungary include the Anne Frank Gymnasium, a Jewish high school that has grown from 22 to 129 students, and a network of Talmud Torahs providing after-school Jewish education for students attending secular schools.

There is a summer camp on Lake Balaton that has grown from 27 to an enrollment of 400 in its six years of operation.

The JDC has also upgraded and expanded the rabbinical seminary here, which trains rabbis for communities all over Eastern Europe.

The World Jewish Congress also has received permission to open an office here. It plans to do so in July.

Hungary's Jewish population is estimated to number 80,000, most of whom live in Budapest.

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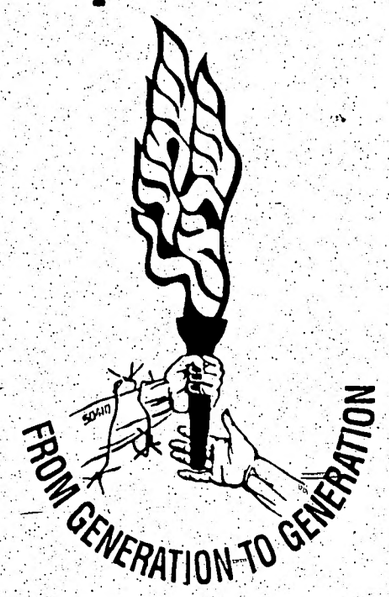

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Morris to receive B'nai Brith award

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

William Morris is the recipient of this year's national B'nai Brith Award of Merit. The award will be presented at a dinner at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Thursday, Sept. 14.

Former U.S. President Gerald Ford will be the guest speaker.

Morris is the first Hamiltonian and the first Canadian past president of B'nai Brith to receive the award.

Among previous recipients are former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed; Claude Taylor, chairman of the board of Air Canada; Harold Malovsky, president of Trizec Corp., and McDonald's chairman George Cohon.

Proceeds from the dinner will be designated to the League of Human Rights, a cause especially dear to Morris, who is a past national chairman.

A member of B'nai Brith for some 29 years, Morris currently serves on the organization's board of governors and district administrative board. He is a past national chairman of B'nai Brith Foundation of Canada; a past vice president of B'nai Brith International and served for 11 years on the board of governors of B'nai Brith International.

Nationally he has also served as vice-chairman of the Canada Israel Committee and as vice-chairman, Central Region CJC.

Locally, Morris is a past president of the former Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations; a past UJA campaign chairman and past president of Hamilton UJA; past president of Hamilton Lodge, B'nai Brith and past vice president, JNF, Hamilton and a former member of the board of Temple Anshe Sholom.

He is a Negev Dinner honoree and a recipient of the State of Israel Bonds Ben Gurion Award.

A graduate of McMaster University and Osgoode Hall law school, Morris was named Queen's Counsel in 1972.

As a member of the advisory committee of UJA Hamilton and of the executive committee of UIA Canada, Morris is currently involved in a number of local budget committees.

Morris and his wife, the former Eva Schwartz, are the parents of two daughters and two sons.

Honorary chairman of the event will be Michael DeGroote, chairman of Laidlaw Transportation Ltd. and director of Trilon Financial Corp.

Co-chairing the dinner will be Shirley Molot, director of Woman's World, and Tom Weisz, president of Effort Trust and partner in the law firm of Weisz, Rocchi and Scholes.

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The oldest Jewish woman in Canada marks 105 years

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Can you wish someone turning 105 bis hundert und zwanzig, implying they have another 15 years to live? For Pauline Blaustein, believed to be the oldest Jewish woman in Canada, the answer is a definite yes.

Spry for her age, and with her sense of humor intact, Blaustein was feted at a recent birthday celebration at the Glen Garden Senior Citizen Building on Eglinton Ave. near Bathurst St. where she has been living since 1983.

City of York mayor Fergie Brown and Ward 1 alderman Ben Nobleman presented her with a plaque in honor of her longevity. Asked the secret of her long life and good health, she responded, "work hard and don't complain."

Blaustein was surrounded by three generations of her family including her two surviving children

Pauline Blaustein and one of her 11 great-grandchildren.

Henry Blaustein of Toronto and Miriam Mansher of Montreal, six of her eight grandchildren and all but one of her 11 great-grandchildren.

Her daughter Jacqueline died in 1967 while her son Ancil passed away four years ago, she said, and today her descendants are scattered in places as far as Boston and St. Louis.

A little confused by the presence of dozens of well-wishers and the media, she quipped, "I'd better be popular today. It won't last long."

Born in Bucharest, Romania in 1884, Pauline moved to Paris with her family when she was 10 years old. She then immigrated to Canada in 1912, settling in Montreal where she worked as a dressmaker for over five decades.

She still keeps herself busy and has a keen interest in politics. Nobleman noted that he canvassed her for last year's municipal elections and she assured him that she would be voting.

Still making plans for the future, Blaustein said she is hoping to visit friends in Montreal later this summer.

Schindler urges steadfastness

Orthodox decry Reform sermon

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A strongly worded sermon last week by Reform leader Rabbi Alexander Schindler has come under sharp criticism from Orthodox organizations.

Schindler, addressing more than 600 Reform rabbis at the centennial convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, said the spirit of modern Reform Judaism must be preserved and the movement must stand by its most controversial decisions against criticism from more traditional Jews.

"Our forbears did not forge Reform Judaism to have us trade it in for a tinsel imitation of 'Orthodoxy,'" said Schindler, who is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Schindler's remarks were characterized as a "shameful, ugly, indefensible and false attack on Orthodoxy" by Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Both Stolper and Rabbi Moshe Sherer of the Agudath Israel movement said Schindler's statements indicate he is under mounting pressure to re-evaluate his stand on patrilineal descent.

In a radical departure from traditional Judaism, the Central Conference of American Rabbis decided in 1983 that children of mixed marriages would be recognized as Jewish, even through the father's lineage.

"I think that Rabbi Schindler's shrill attack against Orthodoxy can only be explained by his being frightened by the growing voices in his own camp that warn him he is leading the Reform movement to a point of no return," said Sherer.

Stolper urged Schindler to "heed the voices" in the Reform movement that call for a re-evaluation of the "self-destructive policies of accommodation to intermarriage and assimilation."

In his sermon, Schindler exhorted the rabbis to stop "romanticizing Orthodoxy.

"Where it alone prevails," he said, "stale repression, fossilized tradition and ethical corruption often holds sway. There is the danger in Israel today, is it not?"

Giving in to pressure from more traditional streams of Judaism on issues like patrilineal descent would mean, Schindler warned, that "we will only demean ourselves and lose our distinctive character."

Schindler said Reform rabbis should not be "snared by the delusion that a retreat on such issues as patrilineality will gain us the acceptance of the more traditionally inclined in Israel or anywhere else."

"Only total surrender," Schindler said, "will have such an effect in that arena."

Sherer admitted that the Reform movement would not be accepted among the Orthodox even if it renounced patrilineal descent, because of Reform's abandonment of halacha (traditional Jewish law).

But, he said, "it would at least continue the acceptance of Reform Jews as Jews." If the Reform movement continues to recognize patrilineal descent, Sherer said, the Jewish people would be torn into "two segments that cannot even intermarry."

Remove offensive prayer: Anglicans

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An Anglican prayer calling for God to remove Jewish "ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word" should be deleted from the Book of Common Prayer, the general synod of the Anglican Church of Canada voted at its triennial meeting.

The ratification was not unexpected. Last year the church's human rights unit recommended that the 1989 synod support deletion of the prayer, which is meant to be recited on Good Friday and is known as the third "Collect."

The prayer has not been used in Canada since 1965, when the church issued its first injunction against reciting it (and passed again this year).

Although the Anglican Church of Canada constitution requires a second vote for excision at the 1992 synod before being put into effect, the decision was welcomed by Montreal Rabbi Howard Joseph, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' religious affairs committee, who was a guest at the synod.

The vote was a "clear message to Canadians," Joseph was quoted as saying. "It will take fuel away from those who would want to promote anti-Jewish prejudice through a Christian message."

CJC's National Department of Religious and Inter-religious Affairs (NDRIA) has been working for several years to sensitize and heighten awareness in the Anglican clergy about prayers potentially offensive to Jews.

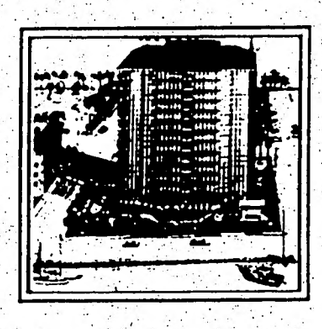
Last year, then-NDRIA director Ian Kagedon told The CJN that church leaders at their own initiative go through prayer books to identify such passages.

Prayers calling for Jewish conversion have also concerned church officials, since the Anglican church, as a member of the World Council of Churches representing mainstream Protestant denominations, agreed to recognize the "inherent completeness of the Jewish covenant with God."

One prayer says to "hasten the time when Israel shall be saved."

At the 1983 meeting, the synod acknowledged the Holocaust and advocated studies on the Holocaust and anti-semitism.

An interfaith/inter-church committee was also formed by the synod with a sub-committee on Anglican-Jewish relations composed of members of Anglican clerical officials and members of the NDRIA.



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Ted Greenfield (left) congratulates Al Waxman as co-host Vince Kelly looks on.

BB award recipient Waxman feted at bank reception

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The Royal Bank of Canada hosted a corporate reception at the Royal Bank Plaza in honor of TV star and community worker Al Waxman who will be the recipient of B'nai Brith Canada's 1989 Humanitarian Award.

The Humanitarian Award, the highest distinction awarded by BBC, is presented to individuals who have made a major contribution to building a better Canada.

"Exceptional leadership, high level involvement in communal activity, and outstanding achievement in chosen fields of endeavor are the key criteria for the award," says Moishe Smith, the national president of B'nai Brith.

The Royal Bank reception was the corporate kickoff event for the black tie tribute dinner to be held Sunday, Oct. 29 at the Sheraton Centre where Waxman will receive the award. The reception was hosted by B.V. (Vince) Kelly, executive vice-president, corporate banking and G.J. (Jim) Johnson, senior vice-president, Metropolitan Toronto.

Frank Dimant, BBC's executive vice-president announced that the proceeds from the $500-a-person dinner will be designated to the League for Human Rights to aid B'nai Brith's fight against hatred and prejudice.

The League for Human Rights is dedicated to monitoring and combatting all forms of racism and bigotry and achieving its goals through education and action.

Among the 150 guests at the Royal Bank reception were Alex Grossman, the campaign chairman, Jon Slan of Los Angeles, one of the honorary chairmen; BBCs national president Moishe Smith of Ottawa; Montreal's Ted Greenfield, past national president of BBC; and other national board members.

Arnold Finkler remembered at Bar-Ilan memorial tribute

RAMAT GAN —

A memorial program for the late Arnold Finkler was held recently at Bar-Ilan University at Ramat Gan, Israel.

The memorial tribute service was held in the main entrance hall of The Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre on the university campus. Marilyn Finkler, the daughter of Arnold and Leona Finkler of Toronto, died of cancer at the age of 19. The Finklers endowed the cancer centre in her memory.

President of Bar-Ilan, Prof. Michael Albeck, spoke of Finkler as "a man of action who was forever searching for avenues for giving of himself." The president thanked the Finklers for their "efforts and contributions that such noble research for man's betterment, from the dreaded AIDS and cancer, was being conducted in such beautiful surroundings and facilities."

Prof. Binyamin Sredni, head of the Finkler Centre and dean of the Faculty of Sciences portrayed Arnold Finkler as a "father" to the university and to the centre who devoted his life to the Jewish people. He said Finkler was a man of unusual courage who in the face of such terrible tragedies — as a Holocaust survivor and the terrible loss of his daughter — redoubled his efforts seeking new ways of helping people.

Arnold Finkler

David Altman, director-general of Bar-Ilan, compared the university's loss of a true friend with that of King David's grief of love at the loss of his dearest friend, Jonathan.

"Arnold was a real hero, representing the Jewish spirit who, in spite of all tragic setbacks that beset him throughout his life, managed to retain and even enhance his humanity."

Gideon Patt, Israel's minister of energy and infrastructure, noted that in the course of his acquaintance with Finkler, he recognized in him "his life's struggle for the victory of man's spiritual nature over the merely material."

Sredni, who chaired the memorial program, said that the Finkler Centre was an "ideal expression of the departed's ideology." Through research in combatting cancer and AIDS, a chance was given to humanity to overcome these dreaded diseases and thus the centre was helping others, "not just by speaking, but by doing."

Three scientists, Prof. L. A. Rosenszajn, Dr. Haim Breitbart and Prof. Shmuel Salsberg presented resumes of their respective research activities carried on at Bar-Ilan within the framework of The Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre. — C.G.

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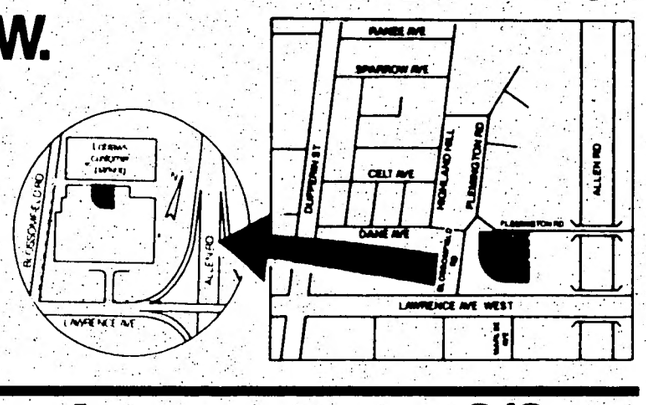

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Korach

Quality comes out. Those who are truly worthy don't have to broadcast themselves.

The brilliant Bach, who was rabbi of Krakow, visited a small town and as was the custom, paid his respects to the local rabbi. After entering a discussion in Halacha (Jewish law) with the rabbi, he soon saw that the rabbi was very weak in learning.

Rabbi Gottesman

Said the Bach: "You know, it would be good if we switched positions, you should be rabbi in Krakow and I should be rabbi here in this little town!"

The astonished rabbi asked the Bach why. Explained the Bach: "You see, in Krakow, there are many scholars and rabbis, fulfilling the verse "*kee kol ha'aeidah kulam kedoshim* ... all of the congregation are holy, every one of them!" (Bamidbar 16:3) if a "shaaloh" (rabbinic question) arises, there are plenty of people to ask. Therefore, the rabbi doesn't have to be a great scholar.

"But in a little town like this, there are no other rabbis or scholars to consult — therefore the town rabbi should be a big *talmid chacham*!" (scholar) (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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This week we learn the danger of pride, of envy, of arrogance.

"*Vayikach Korach* . . . And Korach took . . ." Korach — the man who had the arrogance to challenge Moses and Aaron, who pushed himself to the front!

Rashi comments: "Korach took . . . What did he take? He took himself!" What does that mean? Explained Reb Bunim of Parshischa: Korach looked at himself, he was a "yachsan" (pedigreed), the son of Yitzhar (yitzhar means shining, bright pure oil), son of Kehat (the most honored Levite clan), the son of Levi;

He was brilliant, a *pikeach*, sharp and clever, the ancestor of Samuel the prophet, a man of *ruach hakodesh* (prophetic spirit);

And he was rich, very rich. He took a third of all the wealth of Egypt at the exodus.

What did Korach take? "Lokach atzmo," he took himself to the front before his time. It might have been that in time Korach would have received the position of head of the Levite tribe, which he craved. But in *time*. He had to wait his turn, for the Almighty to choose him. But he would not wait!

Korach put on a pious front, but his true motivation was — himself! Korach was not alone. He collected Datan and Aviram, and On ben Pelet, and 250 of the great scholars, and they gathered against Moses. A political party! But it does not say "Vayikchu!" They took themselves together, plural, united, to battle against Moses. No, "Vayikach," he took, individual, selfish, each party of this uprising with his selfish demand! demand!

And the end was very bitter. The earth opened and swallowed them up. Why the strange punishment? Because Korach rushed his life, did not wait for things to happen at their proper time, the earth rushed to swallow him up before his time!

* * *

Life is not always fair. There are times when a person does not receive what he or she deserves or expects. Sometimes it takes much longer than we hope. But when you surrender to bitterness and self-pity, then the game is over, and life is over. Life loses joy and hope and laughter. Sometimes we drive on a street and there is a dead end. We cannot just stand there, waiting and blocking traffic. We back up and find a new street, a new way that will lead us to our destination.

Every person is a universe, and every person has a meaning. The child who is deeply retarded has meaning and purpose in life; and the person who is crippled by a stroke has a purpose and meaning; and the pauper and the broken. There are no little people. When we give up, we are like Korach swallowed up by our own sadness.

No, no — that is not the Jewish way. "*Kee kol ha'aydah kulam kedoshim* . . . Al the congregation are holy, every one of them!" We are all rich in our dreams; we are all brilliant in our uniqueness; we are all pedigreed, for we are made in the image of the Almighty. Shabbat Shalom.

Israel Bonds official:

$$ needed to resettle Soviet Jews

Dinner honoree Barry Naiberg and his wife, Esther (centre) are seen with dinner chairman Murray Perelman (left) and Isadore Abrams, chairman of the New Leadership Division. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

TORONTO —

Funds are urgently needed in Israel — especially to help resettle Soviet Jews, says the associate national American chairman for Israel Bonds.

Within the next few years there will be a major influx of Jews from the Soviet Union, Martin Stein said.

To attract them to the Jewish state, Diaspora Jews need to channel more money into Israel's economy, which would enable the country to develop housing and jobs for Soviet Jewish immigrants, Stein said in a Bonds news release.

He said the establishment of such an infrastructure should be a priority.

He added alternative destinations like Canada or the United States may eventually have limits on the number of emigres they can absorb.

Stein made the comments at a recent dinner held in honor of Toronto tax lawyer Barry Naiberg.

About 200 people attended the $100-a-plate event held at the Island Yacht Club.

The dinner was organized by Israel Bonds' New Leadership Division. It helped kick off the organization's New Life-New Leadership campaign, which this year is honoring children of Holocaust survivors.

Second generation offspring across North America are being recognized for their professional, civic and communal accomplishments, and in early 1990 will gather in New York City for a culminating event.

Naiberg, a father of three, said he sees himself as a product of the upbringing by his parents Irving and Bella Naiberg, who are both Holocaust survivors.

"I would like my children to have a clear understanding of their heritage — both as to the hardships and accomplishments of the Jewish people," he said.

"With that background, I hope that they can develop their own values and independence."

Inspired by his parents' ideals, Naiberg has served on many community committees, including the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, United Jewish Appeal and his synagogue Kehillat Shaarei Torah.

His key focus continues to be Jewish education and until recently he was vice-president of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto.

Newcomers welcomed to community

JWF Shalom evening biggest ever

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Jewish Women's Federation recent Shalom evening, the organization's 3rd annual official welcome to newcomers to the community, attracted the largest attendance yet, say Barbara Abrams and Marlene Bloom, Shalom program chairmen.

The 130 people who came to the Lipa Green Building for the reception, represented a United Nations microcosm . . . from countries as far away as South Africa, the Soviet Union, Iran and Peru, as well as from the United States and other parts of Canada.

Charles Diamond, newly elected president of Toronto Jewish Congress, of which JWF is a department, spoke briefly about TJC's central role in Toronto's Jewish communal structure.

A more detailed community orientation was presented by Roz Davidson, Outreach Affiliate Education chairman.

Topping off the evening was a tour of the Lipa Green Building's fourth floor cultural wing, conducted by JWF president Etty Danzig.

"Our Shalom evenings have proved to be an ideal way for those who are new to the community to learn all about what we have to offer, and become involved," said Abrams and Bloom.

Marlene Bloom (left) and Barbara Abrams (second from left) present "welcome" basket to Elena Tolokunsky from the Soviet Union, and Babs Friedman, formerly of South Africa. The occasion was the Jewish Women's Federation Shalom evening reception for newcomers.

"Being new to a community, particularly one as large as Toronto, can be a lonely experience," the chairman added. "That's what the Shalom program is all about. We're here to help the newcomer take that first crucial step toward integration and community involvement. It's been mutually rewarding all around."

The chairmen ask that anyone who knows of someone who had recently moved to Toronto, contact Roberta Lensky at the Jewish Women's Federation office at 635-2883, for follow-up.

He's not the same Christie

TORONTO —

Douglas Christie is not Doug Christie.

The former is senior partner in the Toronto law firm of Harris & Christie; the latter, counsel for accused war criminal Imre Finta.

The former has received death threats from people who have mistaken him for Finta's counsel, says Harris & Christie lawyer Ruth Mercer. Eight to 10 such threats were called in last week alone.

"Mr. Christie is very upset about the whole thing," says Mercer.

She suspects callers are distraught Holocaust survivors who don't realize her colleague is not Finta's lawyer.

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UIA of Canada exchange program

43 teens are going to Israel

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Willowdale teenager Roger Cullman thinks it will give him a new view of life.

Jodi Gruman, of Calgary, wants to see all the places she's read about in the news.

And Timna Gorber, of Dartmouth, NS, can't wait — she's already collecting small items to take along with her.

The three teenagers are among 43 who will go this summer to Israel — most for the first time — as part of a 3-week youth exchange program organized by United Israel Appeal of Canada.

The young people — from Ontario, Alberta, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick — will travel in three groups, staying with Israeli families in Project Renewal communities "twinned" with their Canadian regions.

They will also help with community rehabilitation projects and tour Israel with local youngsters.

"The program is unique because they not only get to know Israel, but they get to know Israelis by working alongside them in their Project Renewal communities on important programs, and by travelling throughout Israel with youths from Project Renewal communities in an educationally oriented program," says Eli Rubenstein, UIA of Canada's youth program director.

The exchange program began in 1985 with teens from smaller Ontario communities going to Israel, Rubenstein said.

This is the first time youths from Toronto, Calgary and the Atlantic Region will go. Next year the program may expand even further to include other Canadian cities, he said.

"I'm very excited — I'm getting more excited as the days go by," says 16-year-old Timna Gorber. The grade 12 student leaves for Or Yehuda on Aug. 9 with 18 other teenagers from the Ontario and Atlantic provinces.

Jodi Gruman, also 16, says she just wants to learn everything she can about Israel. "It really interests me because it's my homeland. I want to learn about our culture — how it really is to be Jewish."

Gruman, who's in grade 11, will join 16 other Calgary youths who are leaving for Mazkeret Batya on Aug. 9.

Meanwhile, Roger Cullman, 16, will travel to Beit Dagan with six others from Toronto. His group leaves on July 9. "I think it will be exciting and we'll get along together well," the grade 12 student says. "We'll have a good time and learn a lot."

Canadian participants are each paying only $975 to go on the UIA-sponsored program. The trips for Toronto and Calgary youth are being organized in part by the Jewish federations in those cities, a UIA of Canada news release says.

At a recent briefing session at Camp Gesher in Cloyne, Ont., young people from Ontario and the Maritimes were taught a history of the Zionist movement, some basic Hebrew vocabulary and an overview of the Project Renewal program. They also met the teenagers they'll be travelling with.

"I think it's going to be fantastic," says Lee Greenberg, 15, of Ottawa. "The group of kids that are going are just a great bunch." Greenberg, a grade 10 student who claims to be the youngest in her group, says she hopes the trip will result in a stronger commitment to Israel and her Jewish community in Ottawa.

Erin Abrams, 16, of Calgary says she thinks the trip will widen her perspective of the Jewish state. "Right now I'm kind of scared to go because of the uprising, but I think this will probably teach me that it's not all bad.

Inna Zaltz, 17, of Dundas, Ont., says she already feels "strongly attached" to Israel even though she has never been there before. "I think the trip will make me feel closer to my religion," the grade 11 student says.

Meanwhile, 15 Israeli teenagers from three Project Renewal neighborhoods are already packing to visit Canadian cities. The first group arrives here on July 7.

Seen at an orientation weekend at Camp Gesher in Cloyne, Ont., are youth exchange program participants (from left) Emmanuel Pressman of Kitchener, Penny Dankner of Halifax and Pressman's sister, Iliana.

CJC's new chairmen

TORONTO —
Chairmen for the committees of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, have been announced by the Region's officers, after their submission for approval by Ontario CJC Chairman Eric Slavens.

These are the new chairmen and co-chairmen of the followjng committees:

Budget: David Sadowski; community action for Israel; Larry Zimmerman and Naomi Jacobs-Brounstein; community services: Michael Sobel; eduction and culture: Sandy Brown; international affairs: Igor Ellyn and Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz; Jewish identity (a new committee): Eli Rubinstein and Faygie Schwartz; joint community relations: David Satok; moess chittin: Yitz Feldman; personnel: Mira Koschitzky; political liaison: Stephen Flatt and Marsha Slavens; Soviet Jewry: Joyce Eklove and Judge Ted Matlow, and youth: Paul Klein and Rochelle Diamond.

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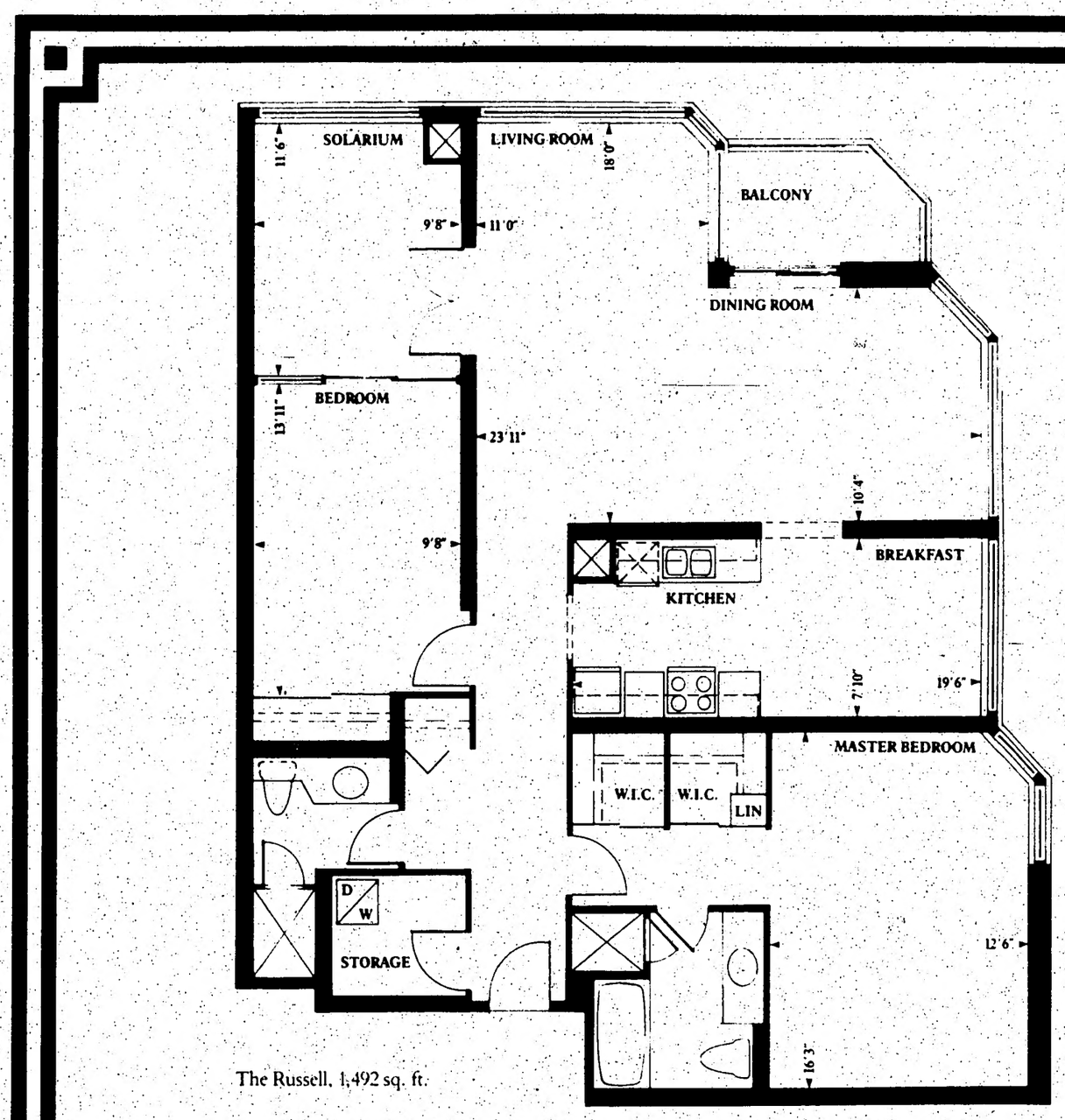

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Saturday, July 8

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Wednesday, July 12

RELEVANCY OF THE DAY OF REST

Aish HaTaorah's Basics seminars continue on Wednesday, July 12, with Shabbat: The Relevancy of the Day of Rest.

The time is 8 p.m. at 296A Wilson Ave. For information, call 636-7530.

Thursday, July 13

CHILDREN'S FUN DAY

Children's Fun Day activities, hosted by the City of Toronto, will take place on Thursday, July 13, from noon to 2 p.m. at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in a variety of free activities including face painting, a puppet show and carnival rides.

Additional entertainment will be provided by Kideo, a magic show, clowns and animal characters.

JEP SUMMER SERIES

Davidic Dynasty is the topic of the July 13 lecture of Ohr Somayach/JEP's summer series, Thursday Evenings at 8.30, Thornhill.

The lecture takes place at Ohr Somayach/JEP north, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For further information, call 785-5899.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER SERMONS PROGRAM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is continuing its summer sermons program during July and August.

Participants include **Rabbi Abraham Feffer, MP Bill Attewell, Judy Jacobs, Brian Stein, Susan Rosenblat, Max Goody, Leonard Golberg, Shirley Zuckerbrot** and **Norma Rubin**.

ANNUAL BARBECUE

Tiferet Israel Congregation Sisterhood's annual barbecue picnic is set for Sunday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Earl Bales Park and features a Moroccan barbecue and games for adults and children (in case of rain it will be held indoors). Everyone is welcome.

This is a fund raiser for the new synagogue located at 756 Sheppard Ave. W.

SUMMER INFORMATION CENTRE

If you're looking for information on North York schools, don't let the sun slow you down. The North York Board of Education's Summer Information Centre opens for business July 10 to Aug. 18.

Again this summer, North York residents can dial the centre at 229-2576 for general information on North York schools, programs, services, or for transcripts of student marks.

The centre is open Monday to Friday, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. A secretary and guidance counsellor will handle your queries. Better yet, stop by for a chat. The centre is located at 44 Appian Dr.

Last year, the centre handled more than 4,000 telephone calls over a 7-week period. As well, more than 1,000 transcripts were given to ex-North York students entering the workforce or perparing for college or university.

LIVING WITH TEENS

Living With Teens, offered by Jewish Family & Child Service, focuses on understanding adolescent development, why teens "act out," how to discipline, and effective communication.

The group will meet for six consecutive sessions beginning Wednesday, July 5, from 7.30-9 p.m. The fee is $40 per person. Scholarships are available.

SABINA CITRON HONORED

The Women's Division of the State of Israel Bonds, in cooperation with the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and the Toronto Zionist Council, honored Sabina Citron at a cocktail reception at the home of Jack and Roma Buchman prior to the city-wide dinner for Citron being held Sept. 12 at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue. From left are Sylvia Shawn, Women's Division chairman; Citron, honoree; William Stevenson, guest speaker; Roma Buchman, hostess, and Helen Smolack, dinner chairman, who received a plaque in recognition of her dedication to Israel.

Call **Freda** at 638-7800, ext. 211, for registration and information.

EDITORIAL FAX NUMBER

A separate fax machine has been installed in the editorial department. Please note that the editorial fax machine number is 424-1886 for transmission to the CJN news room including the What's New and About People items.

EITZ CHAIM GIRLS LEARNATHON

One hundred and ten girls, grades 5-8, participated in the recent annual Eitz Chaim Learnathon.

Girls from the Viewmount and Spring Farm campuses joined together in a day of Torah study and also raised close to $5,000 for the United Jewish Appeal.

DARCHEI NOAM SUMMER SERVICES

Join in the warmth of Shabbat services at Congregation Darchei Noam, Toronto's only Reconstructionist congregation.

While the congregation's permanent space in the B'nai B'rith Building at 15 Hove St. nears completion, Shabbat morning services will be held at 10 a.m. at Leo Baeck School, 34 Kenton Dr., Willowdale. Friday evening services will resume in the fall.

The services are egalitarian and participatory, led by **Rabbi Deborah Brin**. Prayers and congregational singing are largely in Hebrew with English interpretations and explanations. Study and dialogue replace the traditional rabbinic sermon.

For further information, call 638-4783.

SINGLES GROUP SOFTBALL

Adath Israel Congregation Singles group is having mixed softball 3-pitch on Sunday afternoons at 1 at York University campus baseball field No. 2, which is on Fraser Dr. (off St. Lawrence Blvd.).

For more information, call **Gerrold** at 663-3680.

UJA FUND RAISER A SUCCESS

A staff campaign to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal took place recently at Baycrest Centre. Staff response was enthusiastic leading to a campaign total of more than $22,000 — 10% up from last year — and organizers are still counting.

THE JUNCTION SHUL

Knesseth Israel (the Junction Shul), built in 1911, is currently under restoration. The inside has been completed and work is now being done on the outside.

Packed on Jewish holidays with services led by knowledgable laypersons, the congregation continues with the children and grandchildren of the founding members.

Located at 52 Maria St., the shul is available for simchas or for a cheder. If you would like to know more about it, contact the president, **Edwin Goldstein** at 961-5556 or **David Green** at 782-5293.

CHAPLAINCY VISITORS NEEDED

Challenging volunteer oportunities to reach out to Jewish prisoners in correctional institutions are available. Chaplaincy Services will provide ongoing support and training.

For further information, contact **Toby Maskowitz**, coordinator, Chaplaincy Services, Jewish Family & Child Service, at 638-7800.

BETH JOSEPH LUBAVITCH

The minyan at Beth Joseph Lubavitch Anshei New York Congregation continues daily at 7 a.m. (8.30 on Sunday), followed by a light breakfast and Torah thought.

Mincha is at sunset after which **Rov Laiman** gives a class in Ain Yaakov in Yiddish followed by Maariv.

Everyone is invited. The shul is located at 44 Edinberg Dr. (at Bathurst).

ABUSE OF THE ELDERLY

Elder abuse occurs in all groups of people in all parts of the country. It may be financial, physical or psychological abuse or severe neglect.

The Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly, a New Horizons committee of seniors at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, has collected an extensive file of information on the subject and a comprehensive resource list outlining specific services in the Metro area for seniors and in addition holds public lectures by speakers on different aspects of elder abuse. The committee is also doing public speaking to community groups.

If you would like information, or a speaker or would like to be informed of future lectures, contact the coordinator, **Sheila Zane**, at 1003 Steeles Ave. W, North York, M2R 3T6. The phone number is 225-2112.

SUMMARY OF ISRAELI PRESS

The Consulate-General of Israel provies a summary in Hebrew of the daily Israeli press. Dial (416) 961-1127 between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. (after business hours).

FREE RECITALS AT U OF T

There are free concerts of the Soldiers' Tower Carillon bells at the University of Toronto every Sunday evening until July 30. The hour-long concerts start at 7.30 p.m. so you can plan a picnic at sunset. A tour of the Soldiers' Tower follows each recital.

Soldiers' Tower is at the west end of Hart House, just west of Queen's Park. Concerts are given rain or shine. For further information, call 978-2021.

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CONGRATULATING TANENBAUM

Congratulating Joseph Tanenbaum (centre) on his gift of a synagogue to Boys Town Jerusalem are Ben Winbaum (left), vice-president of Canadian Friends of the Jerusalem campus, and Bruce Lewis, vice-chairman of the Toronto Committee. The synagogue in Jerusalem will be named Beth Avraham Yoseph, the same as the synagogue Tanenbaum built in Thornhill.

Organizations and People

What's New

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HEBREW U ALUMNI IN U.S.

The American Alumni Association of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is trying to locate men and women in the U.S. who attended the university at any time in the past.

Many University of Toronto alumni took part in one of the Hebrew University's overseas students programs and the Association would appreciate hearing from them.

The office is located at 11 E. 69th St., New York, NY, 10021. The coordinator is **Betsy Silverfine**.

THIRTYSOMETHING

Looking for friendship, fun and fulfilment? Come meet the women of Chaverim Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada.

For information, call 881-8022 before 9 p.m.

PALMERSTON SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

Palmerston Avenue Public School invites all former students and staff to its cenetennial celebrations on Nov. 4. Have you any anecdotes, photos and such to share? Write the school at 734 Palmerston Ave., Toronto, M6G 2R4 or phone 393-9305.

for seniors

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The program on July 12 features folk dancing with **Minnie Cass**...A summer party is planned for Sunday, July 9, from 7.30-11 p.m. with music, refreshments and door prizes. The charge is $6 members, $8 non-members...On Sunday, July 16, there will be a trip to zoo. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Yonge and Sheppard subway...And on Sunday, July 23, there's a trip to Cullen Gardens. The cost is $8 members, $10 non-members (tickets must be purchased in advance)...For further information about all programming and tickets, call **Abraham Leibovich** at 633-2630 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5121, ext. 2273, or **Abner Meir** at 667-0808. Tickets for trips may also be purchased at the Wagman Centre office.

LZA Seniors Club is looking forward to the trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 18-25. There are still a few seats available. A trip to Muskoka is planned for August. The winter trip to Miami, commencing Jan. 3 for five,seven or nine weeks and Jan. 17 for 5 weeks, is expected to be bigger and better than ever. That's a promise by LZA Seniors president **Jack Goldbach** and tour manager **Harry Weinstock**. In fact, it's not too soon to start planning and reservations are being taken every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., until registration is complete...With all this there is still time for the daily get togethers at the Borochov Centre with cards and games. Bingo is now being arranged and shuffleboard is still available. For further details, call 633-8579.

Beth Sholom Seniors meet on Wednesday, July 5, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. for a speaker or entertainment and refreshments. For further information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

Designs for Independent Living: An Exhibition of Products for the Elderly and Physically Disabled, organized by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, is on view at The Power Plant, York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay W. until Sept. 10.

This week's activities for **Bloor Y Seniors**, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) include — Monday, July 10, knitting at 10 a.m. and bridge at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, July 11, fitness at 12.30 p.m. and current events discussion at 2 p.m.; Thursday, July 13, fitness at 12.30 p.m...On Thursday, July 20, there's a bus day trip (luxury coach) to Hamilton for a tour of the Hamilton Art Gallery, the spectacular Royal Botanical Gardens and picnic lunch at Dundurn Castle. The cost is $15 Good Age members, $18 non-members. For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., reports that ongoing programs will continue through the summer...Upcoming trips include a day trip to Cullen Gardens where the Festival of Flowers will be presented, on Tuesday, Aug. 1 (charge is $11 members, $12 non-members); a trip to Stratford Festival to see The Shoemaker's Holiday on Wednesday, Sept. 20, and the Israeli trip Nov. 8-29. Reservations and applications are being taken now. Call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch meets every Monday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Come play cards, bingo and socialize. Make new friends and meet old ones. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a dance with a live band on Sunday, July 9, from 8-11 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Admission is $3 members, $4 non-members...Ongoing activities in the community centre are shuffleboard on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Tai Chi on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. Activities in the club house include bridge on Mondays 1-3.30 p.m.; ballroom and line dancing, Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon; art class, Tuesdays 1-3.30 p.m.; bingo, Tuesdays 7 p.m.; fitness, Wednesdays 10-11 a.m.; dancersize, Thursdays 10-11 a.m.; Saturday night dances 7-10.30 p.m. Also, walk in the park with a group on Mondays 9-10 a.m. And the games room is now open for ping pong and other activities. For information, call 636-7856.

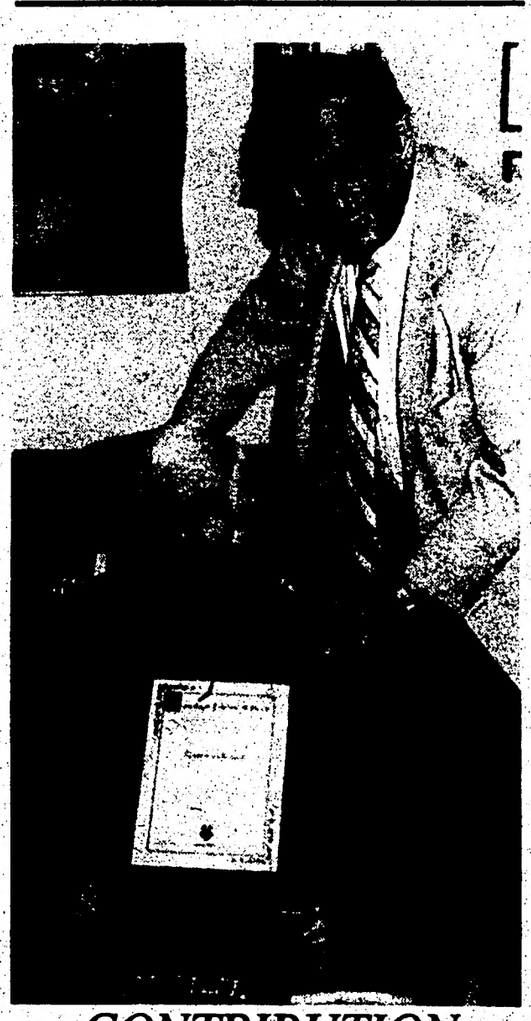
The Senior Adult Program of the Jewish Community Centre north branch, 4588 Bathurst St., announces that there are still a few openings for the 15-day Jewish heritage tour to Spain Sept. 3-17. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

The next 8-week session of 60 and Holding, a nutrition counselling and weight reduction program, starts on Monday, July 10, at 7.30 p.m. at the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. The fee is $30 Wagman Centre members, $40 non-members. For information and registration, call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Circle Wednesday, July 26, on your calendar. That's the date of the public affiars forum dealing with Social Benefits for Seniors— Are They in Danger? Panelists are **Mavis Wilson**, Ontario minister for senior citizen affairs; **MPP David Reville**, health critic; **Stephen Triantis**, professor of economics, University of Toronto, and **Paul McCrossan**, consulting actuary. The time is 1.30 p.m. This forum is free and open to the community.



CONTRIBUTION

Lena Dickstein receives a plaque in the name of her late husband Moishe Dickstein for the Wall of Life at Meir Hospital Children's Wing in Israel which is supported by Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of Kupat Holim. Dickstein, now well into her 90s and living at Baycrest Centre, made a contribution to the Canadian Kupat Holim in memory of her husband. Making the presentation is Hy Fogelman, Ontario director of Kupat Holim.

at the jcc

A reminder that the rooftop dance set for Thursday, July 6, from 7-11 p.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., includes rooftop barbecue, deejay, cash bar and romance under the stars, all for $10 admission. For information, contact **Lindsay Henderson** at 924-6211.

North-East Valley Singles Network is planning an evening of billiards on Saturday, July 8. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

On Sunday, July 16, the Singles Network is going fishing at Burd's Trout Pond. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 for details.

And Sunday evening, July 16, the tennis round robin and Hawaiian luau dance takes place at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Tennis is from 7-9 p.m. and the dance begins at 8.30 p.m. Admission is $7 and includes refreshments. For information, call Luni at above number.

There are still spaces available in the junior kindergarten fall term starting in September at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Mimi** at 889-0813.

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BIOTECHNICAL INSTITUTE MEETS

The first international meeting of the board of directors of the Biotechnical Institute of Israel will be held at the end of October in Israel, with 11 countries represented. Newly appointed members of the international board from Toronto are (from left) Dr. Philip Klotz, Canadian Friends national president; Carol Epstein, public relations chairman; Dr. Bernard Goldman, Toronto president, and Dr. Irving Koven, international vice-president.

SHARED SUCCESS

Toby Kolnick (left), vice-president of the Toronto Women's Division of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation; Fran Sonshine (centre), and Sylvia Rumack, president, glow in the shared success of the fund raising tea held recently at Sonshine's home for Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. The approximately 100 guests also enjoyed a fashion show presented by Tricia Cochran Collections. Proceeds of the event are being used for the purchase of medical equipment for the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit for the care of at-risk newborns. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Organizations and People

About People

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

Sidney Schipper has been awarded an Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship in recognition of the help he has given Canadian natives in entering the business field. The presentation was made by **Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander** at a recent ceremony at Queen's Park.

A founder, along with **Murray Koffler** of the Canadian Council for Native Business, he served as its president for many years. The council was set up as "a way to provide employment for Canadian natives through their own economic development." Schipper says he was drawn to the cause through his work with Canadian Men's ORT.

The council's agenda includes conferences for native youth across Canada attended by high level businessmen, an internship program (partially subsidized) for business training, and help for native people in developing business plans and running the operation.

Schipper, a past president of Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood and past vice-president of the temple, is presently on the education committee of the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Trade and teaches part time at Ryerson's School of Fashion (furs). He retired as dean of Fashion Technology at George Brown College a few years back.

Pearl and Morris Weinberg

A 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Pearl and Morris Weinberg renewed their marriage vows after 60 years at a ceremony at Pride of Israel Temple recently with **Rabbi Harold Lerner** and their son **Charles Weinberg**, the synagogue's cantor, officiating.

Accompanying them down the aisle were their five sons, **Cecil, Sheldon, Morley, Charles** and **Sidney**, daughter **Marlene Federman** and two grandaughters, the flower girls.

Known as the "tomato king," Mr. Weinberg was in the produce buisness for most of his life and packaged tomatoes for chain stores until his retirement about 15 years ago. He and his wife were members of both Beth Sholom and Shaarei Tefillah Synagogues.

Following the ceremony, the Weinbergs, their children, daughters-in-law **Mildred, Muriel, Lynda** and **Priscilla**, son-in-law **Bernie Federman**, 16 grandchildren and six great grandchildren celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary at a luncheon at the synagogue attended by about 120 guests, some of whom came in from Montreal, Hamilton, Michigan, California and Florida.

DESSEN ASSOCIATED PRESIDENT

At the recent annual meeting of Associated Hebrew Schools, **Harold Dessen** was elected president of the institution. He succeeds **Les Scheininger**, who was recently elected president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Other elected officers are **Henry Koschitzky**, chairman of the board; **Dr. Harry Krakowsky** and **Mordechai Ben-Dat**, vice-presidents; **Ted Zubata**, treasurer; **Elliot Wahle**, secretary; **Arthur Kruger**, chairman, Vaad Hachinuch, and **George Weinberger**, chairman, budget and finance committee.

Elected as board members are **Robert Daniels, Louis Greenbaum, Linda Greenwald, Brian Morris, Gary Muzin, Judy Noyek, Marlene Rochwerg** and **Sue Walsh**.

In recognition of his many years of dedication at Associated, **Jack Brudner** was elected Life Member of the board.

Mr. Dessen, a chartered accountant, has been involved in Associated in a leadership capacity for over 25 years.

Henry Koschitzky was chairman of the nominating committee.

FELLOWSHIP FOR YIDDISH

Hal Berman, 20-year-old student of Yiddish, political science and biology at the University of Toronto, was one of the first group of Edgar Bronfman Fellows, selected to spend the summer in Israel in 1987.

Since then, Hal has been an active alumnus specially noted as the Edgar Bronfman Fellowship for Yiddish and is a contributor to Emergence, a new undergraduate journal published by Edgar Bronfman Fellowship alumni.

Recently Hal attended **Edgar Bronfman's** 60th birthday celebration at the Seagram Building in New York. He brought with him a special birthday gift, an "I Love Yiddish" sweatshirt.

Hal is the son of **Sol and Ana Berman**, educators and Yiddishists.

By the way, those interested in studying Yiddish at the U of T may call the department of Germanic laguages and literatures at 978-3186.

MA FOR TORONTO RESIDENT

Ziona Rubinsztejn (Greisman) was the only student from Toronto to graduate from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York this past May. Accompanied by her two children, **Daphne** and **Gary Greisman,** family and friends, she received her Master of Arts degree in Jewish education and her principal's certification.

Ziona Rubinsztejn

A graduate of York University (1982) and the Jewish Teacher's Seminary of Toronto, Ziona Rubinsztejn teaches at United Synagogue Day School and United Congregational Schools. She is also an active member of the Jewish community serving on many committees and with many organizations.

RECEIVES U OF T AWARD

Dr. Barney Giblon was recently honored as one of the first recipients of the University of Toronto Arbor Awards in recognition of his many hours of volunteer services for the Medical Alumni Association.

Dr. Barney Giblon

A 1957 graduate of the U of T faculty of medicine, Dr. Giblon has been on staff at Scarborough General Hospital for more than 30 years and was recently named chief of family practice. He is a past president of the Medical Alumni Association which awarded him an honorary life membership and a medal for his outstanding service in 1988, and is currently a vice-president of the association (for a second time). He is also active in the Ontario Medical Association.

A past president of the medical staff at Scarborough General and a member of the board of governors, Dr. Giblon has served as UJA coordinator and Israel Bonds representative at the hospital.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

JCC Singles Network is having a **tennis round-robin and Hawaiian Luau Dance,** Sunday July 16 at 7015 Leslie St. Tennis from 7:30-9p.m., dance starts at 8:30p.m. Cost: $7. D.J., refreshments, cash bar. For more information call Luni at 889-0813.

Atideynu Lodge (20's & 30's)- Third annual picnic at Cherry Beach, Sunday, July 9. Bicycle riding 10a.m., BBQ lunch 11:30. Members $5, non-members $7. Contact Debbie 785-5982. General meeting with speaker Tuesday, July 11, 7:30p.m. 15 Hove Street. Admission: one non-perishable food item.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents Midsummer Night's Dream Party at **Berlin**, 2335 Yonge St. (north Eglinton). **Sunday, July 9,** 8p.m. Featuring Bikini and Active Wear Fashion Show. $9. 222-7111. Fashions by Beachwear Unlimited.

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ORGANIZING THE PHANTOM

Members of the Canadian Technion Society committee organizing the Phantom of the Opera evening on Oct. 12, visited the studio where sets for the production are being constructed. From left are Harry Kichler, Merle Friedman and Clifford Korman, co-chairmen of the event, holding a model of one of the sets. Seats are available by calling the society at 789-4545.

UPDATE 89

Principal speakers at Update 89, the annual financial seminar of the United Jewish Welfare Fund/Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund are (from left) David Nathanson, Pearl Schusheim, Perry Truster and Howard Carr. [Graphic Artists photo]

DEDICATION

The ambulatory care department of Baycrest Centre was dedicated recently in the name of Reuben and Helene Dennis, seen in front of the ambulatory care centre, which comprises 24 specialty clinics providing services to patients in the community. [BDS Studios photo]

BIBLE FAIR

Bible Fair at United Synagogue Day School was a great success. Presenting their exhibit are Melanie Herschorn (left) and Pamela Fogul at the Bayview campus.

Video on intermarriage

TORONTO —

As part of its regular outreach program, Chabad-Lubavitch of Markham will team up with Susan Jackson, director of the community services department of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, to present a new video on intermarriage at an evening scheduled for July 26.

The half-hour video, entitled When Love Meets Tradition, was produced by the Reform movement in the United States and tackles the subject of intermarriage in dramatic documentary fashion, says committee director Susan Jackson.

Prior to the video's screening, Jackson will hold a discussion about Jewish demography and current trends, including assimilation and intermarriage.

The video records real-life discussions four intermarried couples, and one engaged couple, hold with a rabbi. Problems such as the celebration of holidays, the religious rearing of children and general conflicting values are all brought to the fore.

"It's quite controversial," Jackson says. "It brings out a lot of sensitive issues people often don't want to talk about or don't talk about until they're married."

The evening will take place at Chabad-Lubavtich of Markham headquarters, 55 Guardsman Road in Thornhill. The public is invited to attend.

For details, call Rabbi Abraham Plotkin at 881-2012.

Leniency has strengthened Palestinians

Hebron rabbi slams U.S. policy regarding Israel

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

"It takes six hours in a jet travelling 600 miles per hour to cross the United States but it takes only four minutes to cross Israel and only one minute without the territories, says Rabbi Yechiel Lieter.

"So where does the U.S. state department get the gall to tell Israelis to give up their dreams of a Greater Israel?" said Leiter during his talk on An Insider's View of the Intifada at B'nai Torah congregation.

The American-born rabbi, who has lived in Hebron for the past 11 years, said some people claim that it isn't realistic for the Jewish state to attempt to hold Judea and Samaria because of low aliya and Jewish birth rates, and because the Arabs are throwing stones.

This sort of defeatist thinking might prompt the Jews to surrender all of Israel piece by piece, he said, leading to a situation where "the last one out turns out the lights at Lod Airport."

He compared the predicament to a middle-aged man, facing a receding hairline and bad relations with his wife and family: should he commit suicide? Or should he attempt to improve things by paying more attention to his wife, taking his kids out more often, and joining a health club to get into better shape?

"The Arabs are throwing stones? There's no aliya? The Jews have small families? Maybe we can turn this around."

He recalled a time when his Arab neighbors would come to him "with tears in their eyes, asking, 'Why did your government stop forcing us to keep our stores open? We didn't want to close them but we had no choice, the PLO made us."

Too much leniency and a "series of mistakes" on the part of Israel have strengthened the Palestinian national movement, he said. "Arab friends have told me, 'If I'm going to choose between you who slap me on the wrist for throwing stones or the PLO who might kill me if I don't cooperate, who am I going to choose?' "

Claiming that at least five Palestinian factions published anti-Israel leaflets in East Jerusalem he remarked, "Can you imagine Goebbels publishing a Nazi paper in London in 1943, during the blitz?"

During a recent 7-week period, he said, there were 1,184 incidents intifada-related in the Hebron area, 864 of which were stonings.

During these incidents, 558 windshields were smashed, 117 Molotov cocktails were thrown, 34 people were injured, 10 seriously, and one person was killed.

Leiter also discussed how the shifting political spheres of influence of the U.S. and the Soviet Union affect the Middle East, and how the PLO has undermined the West's moral rationale for supporting Israel by comparing the Jews to Nazis.

He said that when Roosevelt wanted to negotiate with Hitler in 1943, Churchill refused, saying he would never negotiate with Satan.

"He understood that when you negotiate with Satan, you always lose. The press called him obdurate, a warmonger, all kinds of names. But it was Churchill who saved the Free World."

By opening a dialogue with the PLO, the U.S. "has embarked on a course of self-destruction, not only for itself but for the Free World," Leiter said. "Because when you negotiate with terrorists, you perpetuate the terror."

Lech Lecha helps explain Jewish history, says rabbi

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

God's promises to Abraham in Lech Lecha prefigure much of Jewish history, an Aish HaTorah rabbi recently told a noon hour study session here at the offices of Master Craft Development Corp.

In fact, the first two verses in Genesis 12 go a long way to explain the collective Jewish personality, Rabbi Yosef Chaim Meyer told the session.

He cited, as an example, Abraham's trek from Charan. Abraham, who rejects idolatry, leaves home for an undetermined place but for one which God will show him.

By the same token, said Meyer, a Jew who begins to question life around him will embark upon his own quest into the unknown. He doesn't know where his search for meaning will take him. But, like the Patriarch, he will go as far as his journey requires.

Meyer cited the "great nation" promise as another key to understanding Jewish experience. God tells Abraham his offspring will be great. But he doesn't mean numerically.

What he does mean, said Meyer, is in influence. In numbers, Jews have always been insignificant. But in their effect on the world, they have bulked large.

God's promise both to bless and enlarge Abraham's name has also worked itself out in history, Meyer said. Jews, given their material success, he explained, have obviously been blessed. And, Abraham, given the influence of Jews on world history, has obviously been "enlarged."

God's prediction Abraham himself will be a blessing also rings true today, Meyer said. Abraham, because he brought himself closer to God, succeeded in lifting all of humanity. A Jew who also brings himself closer to his creator can do the same thing.

Meyer cited other insights Jews can derive from Lech Lecha. That Abraham left Charan when he was 75 shows it's never too late to resume one's personal growth.

That the Torah alludes to the converts in Abraham's retinue means Jews are justified in teaching others about God. And that God actually appeared to Abraham means the creator is always present if only one will make the effort to find him.

God's promise in verse seven to give Abraham's offspring "this land" is also full of meaning, Meyer said. Because other powers will always try to push the Jews off their land, God wants to establish the Jews' right to Israel for all time.

Meyer cited several Talmudic passages as other clues to Jewish behavior. Yevamos 69, for example, describes Israel as merciful, shamefaced and as a bestower of kindness. As such, he said, it's not surprising Jews are wringing their hands over the handling of the intifada.

"On the world stage, we are tearing ourselves to bits...are we doing the right thing in Israel?"

The Jewish people, he said, don't want to hurt other people but want to do what's right.

And, to do what's extraordinary. Jews, Meyer said, are never satisfied with the run-of-the-mill but are constantly seeking higher standards.

"We want the ultimate; we cannot live with stagnation," he said, citing the Talmud's reference to Israel being "thirsty" to do God's will.

Meyer dismissed the notion that one is racist for thinking the Jews a special people. There's nothing wrong with being proud of one's heritage, he told the session.

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Organizations and People

Silverberg to focus on leadership in Hamilton

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A few weeks into his new job as executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, Mark Silverberg has a vision. He knows exactly what he wants to accomplish and his plan of development for this community is ready.

But it's still too early to go into details. First, there are "major budgetary problems" to be sorted out and he also wants to get to know the community a bit better.

All he'll say for the moment is that he intends to recommend "a complete restructuring of the community" and that "everything will be geared to leadership development."

His philosophy, says Silverberg, is that "if someone isn't active in the community, it means we haven't found the trigger. Everyone has something to contribute and if we can find the trigger, we can develop the leaders."

Fresh from three years in Israel, where he worked first as director of allocations for the board of governors of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and later as director, central region of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the excitement of a new challenge shines in his eyes.

Silverberg's credentials are impressive. Aged 41, he is a lawyer who practised civil litigation and criminal law in his native Winnipeg and in Edmonton during the 1970s. He was also always involved in the community.

Even then he had dreams of building a strong Jewish community and in 1980, he said during an interview in his office at the JCC, "I decided that being vice-president of the Edmonton Community Council and head of the ADL, Alberta, did not give me enough time to build the community I always wanted to build."

He took a year's leave of absence from his law firm to become assistant director of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton — and then a second year.

Those were exciting two years during which "every day was a challenge." He initiated numerous programs and committees, especially some concerned with public relations, and created a leadership development program that was adopted by UIA Canada and is still being used today.

Here, in addition to being executive director of federation, Silverberg will have "supervisory responsibility" for the JCC and the campaign. And by the way, he adds, "the Edmonton community is the same size as the Hamilton community."

In 1982, just as he was planning to return to his law practice, Silverberg received a call from Vancouver "that changed the direction of my life."

He became executive director of CJC in Vancouver, which was "even more exciting. We took a lot of ideas from U.S. communities and tailored them to fit Canada and made them work."

Four years later he decided to try Israel. "It was very good experience," he remarks but problems with one of his two children — a boy and a girl aged 13 and 11 — and the financial strain of life in Israel, led to the decision to return to Canada.

Now he intends to make Hamilton his home and "to become a part of this community in a very meaningful way." His wife, Sheryl, and the children are with family in Winnipeg and will join him here later in the summer.

Silverberg admits he's nervous. Hamilton "is a major challenge. But, in fairness," he adds, "not unlike other challenges."

Mark Silverberg

New Hadassah head outlines commitment

HAMILTON —

Commitment never changes if it comes from the heart, newly installed Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO president Lorraine Cohen said in her first speech at the recent Hadassah closing dinner and installation at Temple Anshe Sholom.

Cohen, who is in her early 30s, mother of two girls aged 6 and 3, travel agent and frequent assistant to her husband Marvin in their art gallery, confessed that her Hadassah education began after meeting her husband's family.

The education was provided by "this very special woman," her mother-in-law, Rae Cohen, "who taught me the ropes," and by her sister-in-law, Sheila Cohen, who grew up in Hadassah-WIZO and who becomes the new vice-president.

And her commitment, declared Cohen, will "last forever" since she attended last year's WIZO Aviv seminar in Israel, which was "one of the most important experiences of my entire Jewish life."

Outgoing president Ilona Feldman reported on a successful year and said members of Hamilton Hadassah can take pride in their accomplishments, she said.

Elizabeth Cooper of Kitchener, one of three panelists on Hadassah: A Labor Of Love, confessed that her life in Hadassah had been filled with excuses until she attended the Aviv Conference in Burlington last January.

It "inspired and motivated" her to become an active member and she recommended going to conventions to those who feel "burned out."

For Sheila Cohen of Hamilton involvement came naturally. Her parents taught her that "making time for others is part of life."

National Youth Aliyah chairperson Fran Sonshine of Toronto, who comes from a very strong Zionist background, "ended up joining everything that had something to do with Zionism," with Hadassah-WIZO eventually "becoming a major part of my life."

Regional chairman Pat Alpert of Toronto urged support for Israel "now more than ever." Louise Rosenblum, administrator of the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office, who acted as installing officer, reminded that "the dreams of Hadassah wouldn't come true if it weren't for the doers."

Also on the new executive is Cindy Mark as recording secretary and a new appointment is that of Christine Smurlick as publicity chairman.

Past chairman Beverley Lasky introduced the panel and Claire Mandel, member of the Honorary National Life Council of Hadassah-WIZO, introduced Rosenblum.

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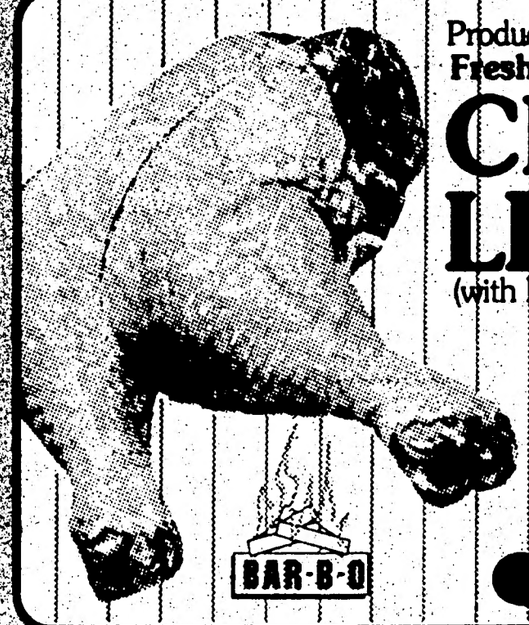

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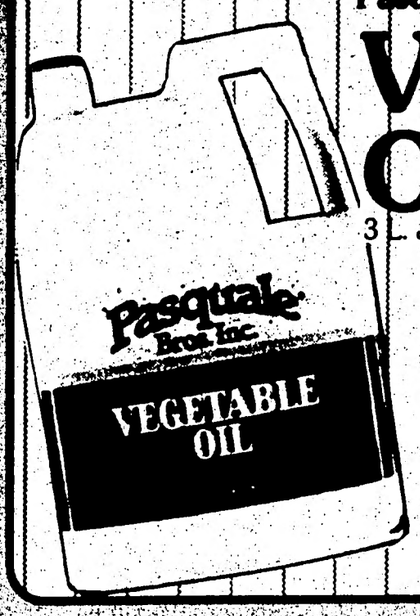

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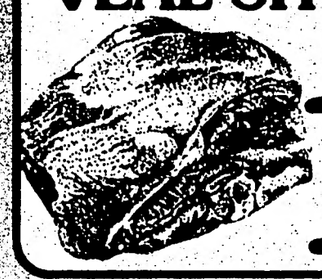
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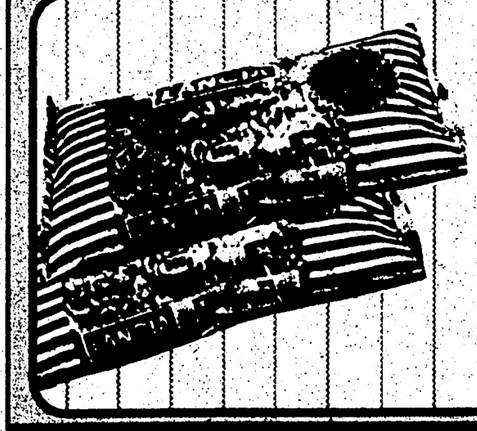
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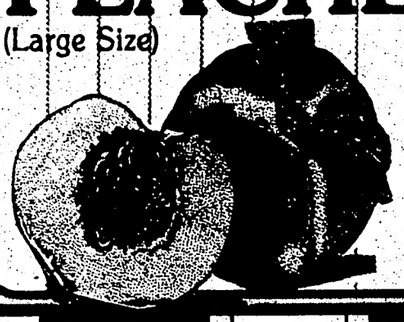
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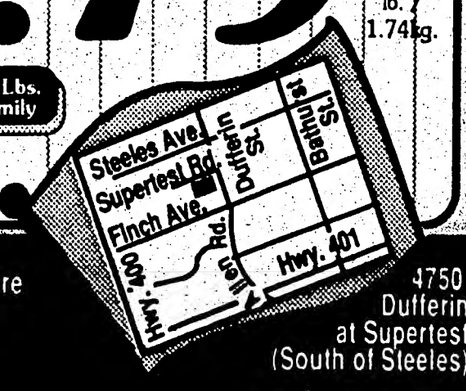

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Organizations and People

Rebbetzin describes Jewish view of the Almighty

"Every reality that we encounter is from Him"

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The Jewish view of G-d is embodied in the tetragrammaton YHVH, the never spoken letters of His name, which translate as "He is, He was, He will be," Rebbetzin Tzipporah Heller said at a recent Ohr Somayach lecture.

"He is the force that pre-existed you, and will be there after you are gone."

Heller, senior lecturer at Neve Jerusalem College, the Ohr Somayach educational institution for women, was speaking at the Thornhill branch of Ohr Somayach on the topic "What do we mean when we say G-d?"

She said that usually the issue is not what we mean by the term "G-d" but whether we think about Him at all.

"We are so absorbed in the absolute present, that the issue of who is HaShem is less and less relevant," she said, adding that even an apikoros (religious skeptic) doesn't deny the existence of G-d; he sees Him as irrelevant.

She said that proof that G-d exists lies in the fact "that there is something here — and things don't make themselves."

Complicated entities come from simpler things, she said. No matter how simple you reduce entities to, at some point it becomes relevant where they came from, she said.

On a basic level, Heller said, people realize that there is no order in the universe without a plan, and there can be no plan without a transcending wisdom, that in Jewish theology is referred to as Elokim — the force.

One reason people resist the idea of G-d is because we live in a "christological world; a society that thinks Christian," she said.

That society sees G-d as "a big guy in the sky, with a family, and family problems." People think that if they can't accept that concept of G-d, then they can't accept G-d at all.

Every other part of life, from mineral to plant to animal, supports each other. Only man, at the top of the pyramid, would not be missed if he weren't here, she said.

That being the case, we must be here in some sort of relation to the being that created us, she said, calling that an "awesome responsibility."

"It implies that we are part of a master plan, with contributions and gifts to use in a meaningful way."

Using the analogy of telephoning and getting no answer, Heller said that we are not alwaays conscious of our moment to moment relationship to G-d, even though "every reality we encounter is from Him."

Similarly, we don't always see His love for us. When a parent punishes a child, the parent is conscious of his or her great love and total involvement with the child. The child, on the other hand, feels at that moment totally alienated.

So too, she said, when G-d allows tragedy to befall us, He is most aware of us historically. "He wants us to cry and learn."

People block their hearts from being able to have a full, open relationship with G-d, she said.

There is a part of us that feels important when we perform destructive acts like speaking loshon hora (idle gossip), which implies you know something no one else does, or not resolving a quarrel until the opponent is totally humiliated.

We need to channel that destructive energy into constructive acts that lead us closer to HaShem, she said.

Our ancestors drew strength to serve G-d from Abraham, who served G-d with all his heart, from Isaac, willing to put himself on the alter of sacrifice to serve Him with all his soul, and from Jacob,who served with all his posessions.

We should be willing to do the same, she said.

The closed heart, she said, can also come from the presence of evil and pain in the world, which may make it appear random and directionless.

"We thank G-d for both the good and the bad, recognizing that the time of greatest personal and national growth may not occur at the time of greatest ease," said Heller.

The destruction of the Temple, she said, while apprearing an insurmountable tragedy, nevertheless raised our consciousness, and created in us a yearning toward G-d.

"We have to experience pain and deal with loss in order to redirect our energy towards G-d."

A member of the audience, after reading a Peretz Miransky poem about the destruction of European Jewry, angrily demanded why Heller had not dealt with where G-d was during the Holocaust.

Heller replied that it is possible to deal with the tragedies of Jewish history only at a historical distance; that it is too soon to see how G-d's reasons for allowing the Holocaust to happen will be manifested.

"G-d's purpose is to keep us around as a holy people, a light to the nations. He orchestrates history so we are constantly thwarted in our plans to be like other nations."

All that is cerain is that it is an historical truth that G-d leads us to a place where we can continue as a people, Heller said, over the man's audible protests.

Tznias need not be mias, Aish HaTorah audience told

By
DORIS STRUB EPSTEIN

TORONTO —

Modesty (tznias in Hebrew) does not mean a woman should be ugly (mias), Sherri Wise told a mixed audience at Aish HaTorah recently. She was speaking on popular misconceptions about Orthodox women.

Wearing wigs and long sleeves does not mean Jewish women should look unattractive. On the contrary, she said, women can be very well dressed and attractive but still retain the virtue of modesty. That which is precious is private, she said, giving the example of the Torah which is "twice covered."

She should know. Wise, 30, could turn heads in any circle. Dressed in a fashionable 3-piece matching outfit, blue eyes, pert features tastefully made-up, and wearing a blonde pageboy wig, she looks like a role model for her talk.

Wise's parents are Reform Jews and she was brought up in the Reform movement. But it was not until she met her in-laws that she took the first step toward becoming baalat tshuva. They are survivors of the Holocaust.

"I was determined not to give Hitler a posthumous victory," she said, paraphrasing Fackenheim. "I made the conscious decision to live halachically."

Wise is the mother of four boys. A graduate of Queen's University, she teaches part-time at Bais Yaacov, a religious girls' school.

Many believe that Orthodox women are not allowed to work outside the home. Religious women have always worked, she claimed. Often they supported husbands who studied, while raising large families.

But work, as the only means of self-definition and self-fulfillment, is not the Jewish way for men or women, she said. This leads to materialism and the denigration of child-rearing.

The main role for women is the "awesome" task of creating and guarding the Jewish home, and inculcating children with Judaism and God.

Chesed (compassion, altruism) is the essence of Torah and as nurturers, women have greater opportunities than men to perform chesed, Wise stated.

Women are exempted from some mitzvot, such as praying three times a day, and wearing tefillin. A mitzvah connects people with God, and makes them more spiritual. Judaism believes women are more spiritual than men, she said, and therefore don't need to do as many mitzvot.

It is a complete misconception that in Judaism women are thought to be inferior to men, she said.

"Just as Cohens and Levys serve God in different ways, so men and women serve God in different ways. Our role is distinct from a man's, not lesser."

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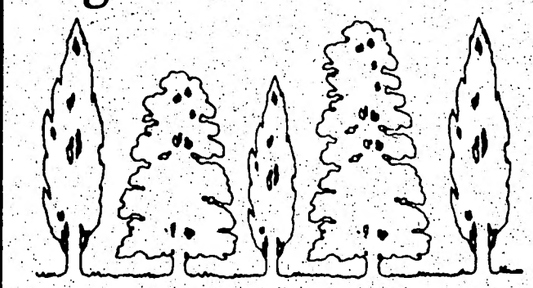

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Organizations and People

Jews favor situation: Zohar

Double moral standard is seen applying to Israel

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

"A double moral standard is being applied to Israel, but Jews "secretly" favor this situation, says Zvi Zohar.

Jews feel that Jews should be different," said Zohar, founder and coordinator of the Centre for Halacha and Contemporary Thought in Jerusalem and a specialist in responsa literature. He made his remarks during a recent talk at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

He suggested that this "double standard" is implicit in the area of kiddush HaShem (sanctification of God's name). "The idea of kiddush HaShem is . . . that through the actions of the Jewish state and the Jewish people, the Jewish God is judged."

Explaining that this "interest in responsa literature and halacha is not purely academic," Zohar remarked that he'd recently seen a television program about Israeli arms sales. Regardless of the motivation of the people who made it, he said, such a program has to prompt the question, "Should Israel be doing this — be so deeply involved in the world of arms production?

"But many Jews say, 'I shouldn't be thinking these thoughts . . . If this is what Israel is doing, it must be right. So whatever I think, I must suppress it, because that's what loyalty to Israel is.' "

Zohar said that he wondered about the possibility of a "critique" of this issue in the light of Jewish tradition, and in the course of his talk at Beth Sholom, he examined several cases from traditional literature that bear on the issue of criticizing the political authorities.

The Talmud tells us, said Zohar, that the decision of the highest court, the Sanhedrin, is final, and that in the Sanhedrin, the majority rules.

Zohar noted, however, that a member of the minority is considered within his rights if he publicly criticizes the Sanhedrin's decision — so long as he did not incite people to disobey the decision.

Next, Zohar examined what happens "when the entire Sanhedrin makes a mistake." According to the Talmud, said Zohar, in such a case, the Sanhedrin must bring a corban, a sacrifice, to make expiation.

But the people who have followed the false ruling, don't have to make a sacrifice — with one exception. "If a knowledgeable person knew the Sanhedrin was mistaken, he has to bring his own sacrifice, . . . because authority does not overrule his knowledge."

"I would hold that there is no way of reconciling these texts," said Zohar. He suggested that the texts reflect two different points of view.

From the point of view of the individual who feels commanded to act in accordance with his conscience, authority cannot overrule his knowledge of what is right.

"However , the Sanhedrin has the responsibility for creating law," said Zohar, "so they must maintain that there can be no rebellious elder — for if their authority is flouted, it could lead to anarchy."

Zohar noted, though, that the rights of a person who feels commanded to follow his own conscience is carefully bounded. "The right portrayed is passive — the right to refuse to follow orders," he said.

"In no way is there an idea of insurrection (being justified) because you don't agree with their (the authorities') policies."

On the other hand, if Jews or the Jewish state don't live up to the highest standard of their tradition, "there has to be some people who give a prophetic critique," Zohar said.

Torah justifies it, says rabbi

Jewish view of killing in self-defence analyzed

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

THORNHILL, Ont. —

Although the Torah views warfare and killing as abhorrent, it justifies it in cases of self-defence, Rabbi Uziel Milevsky said at a recent talk at Ohr Somayach/JEP North-Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning.

Speaking on the topic Self-Defence/To Fight or Not to Fight, Milevsky, a lecturer at Ohr Somayech/JEP Jerusalem, said the Jewish ideal is the messianic era when men will not live by the power of the sword, but by the dvar Hashem (the word of God).

"Unfortunately, we live in the real world" and the classical sources interpreting Jewish law say we are obliged to kill in four life-threatening situations, he said.

The first instance is when an innocent victim is being pursued by someone clearly intent on killing him, Milevsky said. This is known as the "law of the pursuer" and here the Jewish sources explicitly instruct us to kill the pursuer in order to save the victim, he explained.

Milevsky cited the case of an armed burglar breaking into a house to steal as illustrating the concept of "the potential pursuer," and the second justification for killing.

According to Milevsky, the sources are explicit here too, giving one the inherent right to defend one's property and to kill the robber "because one does not know if this person will kill you or not."

Posing a more complex moral problem for the Jew, Milevsky said was the concept of "the potential innocent pursuer," and the third instance where one is obliged to kill.

He told those present to imagine a young girl contaminated with a deadly disease, living in another city separated from them by a river, but who is now crossing the river toward them in a boat.

"You shout to her 'please go back,' but she continues to approach your city despite repeated warnings to return. According to the law of the potential innocent pursuer," you are obliged to kill her "in order that you may save yourself against her contamination," he said.

Milevsky admitted that this action would be done with a heavy heart. He continued: "The unfortunate situation where terrorists hide in bases near schools and hospitals is a contemporary illustration of this concept."

However, posing the most difficult problem for a Jew, Milevsky said, was the concept of killing in order to defend one's spirituality. One's spiritual life is just as important as one's physical life, he went on, but the problem is how to decide what constitutes spiritual matters.

Assuming we know this from the best possible source, he explained, then someone who threatens the very spiritual life of the Jewish people, falls in the category of the pursuer, and therefore, in Milevsky's view, the obligation to kill applies here too.

Milevsky devoted the earlier part of his talk to the negative view which Torah has towards warfare. He said the origins of warfare go to the Tower of Babel days when mankind was punished by the appearance of many languages. "The curse of this generation was nationalism which dooms mankind to war."

To underscore the Torah's negative view towards war, Milevsky said although David was a great warrior who defended the Jewish nation, he was not permitted by God to build the Temple. This task was delegated to Shlomo, David's son who lived in a period of peace, he said.

"It was because the Temple represents the highest Jewish spiritual ideal and in this ideal there is no room for war. Rabbi Akiva himself taught that killing corrupts the soul even if done for the best possible reasons."

Rabbi Shlomo Noach Mandel, Ohr Somayach Toronto, introduced Milevsky, saying, "he was not here as a politician but was speaking about what 3,000 years of classical Jewish sources says about waging war. From this we may draw our own conclusions on the situation today."

Bonds New Leadership Division is established in Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Western Canada's first State of Israel Bonds New Leadership Division was formed in Winnipeg in early April after a visit to this city by Izzy Abrams, the Division's organization's national director.

Bonds New Leadership Division is intended to attract men and women in the 20-45 age group. "There are already groups in Toronto and Montreal," says Harley Schachter, chairman of the Winnipeg chapter. here has been good. We have an executive committee of 10 and there has been a lot of interest."

The goal of the organzation initially is to educate rather than sell Bonds, he noted. "Our aim is to promote a better awareness and clearer understanding of the State of Israel and the State of Israel Bonds among younger people," said the Winnipeg lawyer who was already a member of the board of governors of the State of Israel Bond organization in Winnipeg.

"Ultimately, maybe 20 years down the road, we hope our educational efforts will turn into dollars invested in Bonds."

In late April, Schachter and fellow Winnipeg New Leadership executive committee members Neil Duboff, Paul Winestock and Michael Lazar went to Washington to attend the organization's annual convention and learn what other branches were doing.

In May, the Winnipeg chapter of the New Leadership Division held its first function — a breakfast with noted tax lawyer Arthur Drache of Ottawa.

"We are currently planning more social programs of interest to our age group," said Schachter.

Disabled transit upgraded

TORONTO —

The Ontario government has allotted an additional $5.2 million to improve transportation for the physically challenged, Transportation Minister Ed Fulton recently announced.

Fulton said $1.2 million of this additional funding will go towards assisting municipalities in handling the increased demand expected to result from the government's move to expand eligibility requirements for using special public transit services.

"We have expanded the eligibility requirements to include persons who are unable to walk 175 metres, the average distance to public transit stops," said Fulton.

The new eligibility criteria is expected to generate an additional 600,000 trips annually by the end of five years.

Fulton said an additional $1 million will be used to accommodate the continuing growth of special transit services and more funds will be dedicated to getting wheelchair accessible taxis into more areas of the province.

These vehicles are currently operating in 10 municipalities including Richmond Hill, Markham and Mississauga. Several other communities have already ordered accessible taxis and many others are examining the proposal.

"We will also use the additional funding to make conventional transit better equipped to meet passenger needs," said Fulton. "This means introducing many new convenient features such as additional lighting and hand grab rails.

Another initiative Fulton's department is pursuing involves senior citizen fare reciprocity among municipalities, so that riders can enjoy equitable fares regardless of the area in which they live.

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The minister also announced a $690 million expansion program for highways and roads and $550 million for new public transit initiatives in the greater Toronto area.

Among the highways and roads programs is the new highway 407, a 6-lane freeway that will eventually form an alternative to Highway 401 north of Metro Toronto.

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Organizations and People

Followers victims of Nazis, says priest

Polish Catholic Church role in Holocaust defended

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
The Polish Catholic Church was in complete disarray after the Nazis occupied Poland, and must not be blamed for not opposing Hitler's war against the Jews, says a prominent Catholic professor of ethics, author and member of the U.S. Polish-Jewish Task Force.

Father John Pawlikowski, whose most recent book is Jesus and the Theology of Israel, told a crowd of about 100 people at the Ontario Institute for Students in Education recently that Polish Catholics, like the Jews of Europe, were victims of the Third Reich.

"We need to recognize that by the time the question of the extermination of the Jews became a permanent issue in Poland, Poland was indeed a devastated country not only in terms of its political structure — its ecclesiastical structure was also devastated.

"That's a point that's often overlooked in examining the response of Roman Catholicism to the Holocaust," he added.

Some Polish Catholics Pawlikowski said, feel that "Poland generally, and the Polish Catholic Church specifically, is being forced to bear the brunt of guilt for the Holocaust to assuage the guilt of the Western nations."

He said that more research is needed to better understand the era. Catholic women's religious orders, in particular, he said, reacted in a far more humane manner than their male counterparts in regard to the systematic destruction of the Jews.

Pawlikowski admitted that anti-semitism had been rampant in Poland before the war, and that many Polish Gentiles believed that the Talmud was a "diabolical" work that encouraged cheating, threats and false oaths.

"There was no expression of outrage at Kristallnacht among Polish clergy, because they had never condemned Polish anti-semitism," he said.

He also spoke about the convent which Carmelite nuns have erected at Auschwitz, which has proven a sore point in Jewish-Catholic relations. "Jewish calls to boycott (the Catholic Church) are like pouring gas on the fire," he commented.

"They won't do any good, they'll only inflame the situation. It's a situation which shows how much we have yet to understand about each other."

Pawlikowski emphasized that it was important to understand the Polish Catholic struggle with Polish Jews was "a struggle involving modernity — whether or not Catholicism was prepared to accept a vision of modernity that the Jews had accepted."

By modernity, the professor explained, he meant the state's ability to be truly secular and independent — as opposed to the prevailing Catholic "integrationalist model" which held that church and state in Poland are interlinked.

At a time when many Polish Catholics were integrationalists and many Jews belonged to liberal and socialist organizations, "Jews represented a new vision of society in which the church would not play a role in terms of the public," Pawlikowski said.

"To many Poles, that idea was tantamount to the destruction of the Polish Church. In their minds Jews were propagating a vision of society that if adopted by the masses would undermine the social order."

Pawlikowski's talk was sponsored by the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada, an organization that attempts to foster discussion and understanding about Jewish life in Poland over the last 1,000 years.

Funds sought for Jewish centre

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
An 80% intermarriage rate in four Scandinavian countries is what led to the establishment of the Scandinavian Jewish Heritage Centre in Copenhagen.

Rabbi Avraham Kahn, a co-founder, temporarily a resident in Toronto, looks upon that high rate, perhaps the highest in the world, as a personal challenge.

Born to a Swedish father and a Danish mother, he was born and brought up in Copenhagen, later attending yeshivas in England and Israel.

He outlined the raison d-etre for the Centre at a fund raising brunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kohn in Downsview, recently. Another guest was Rabbi Chanoch Ehrentreu of London, England, head of the beth din of the Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth, and an active supporter of the Copenhagen Centre.

One reason funds are badly needed, Kahn explained, is to pay the salaries and expenses of 10 families brought to Denmark to study at a kollel and to teach in the Centre. He added that some make occasional trips to small and scattered Jewish communities in Sweden as well. The Centre has an annual budget of $400,000.

Jews number about 12,000 in Denmark and Sweden and 3,000 in Norway and Finland. Behind these bare statistics lies a maze of complex prolems, said Kahn.

Israelis who followed non-Jewish Scandinavian young women home after meeting them on a kibbutz is one aspect of the problem. Many of these marriages broke down, the rabbi said, and the Centre has had "considerable success" in arranging the return to Israel of some of these men and their return to the Jewish fold.

Other cases concern some of the 3,000 Polish Jews who emigrated to Scandinavia in the wake of a tide of anti-semitism in Poland following Israeli successes in the 1967 war. "They were more communist than Jewish," Kahn said.

The 10 couples and their children brought in to provide the backbone for the Centre came from widely scattered places including the U.S., England, Europe and South Africa.

The common factor in their background was that at one time they were all students at the Bais Hakarem yeshiva in Israel whose rosh yeshiva is a strong supporter of sending committed families to problem areas.

One of the more unusual cases the Centre dealt with concerned a Jew who married the daughter of a priest but eventually decided to return to Judaism. He is now a leading scholar at an Israeli Yeshiva.

Kahn's strong belief is that the only way to win back to Judaism and Yiddishkeit the men and women who have strayed is to impart to them the values of the faith they left behind.

Though the world knows and is grateful for the rescue of Danish Jews from the Holocaust by their non-Jewish neighbors, the rabbi said there is another side to the coin and that is that the close relations between Jews and non-Jews in Denmark have led to a high intermarriage rate.

Despite the obstacles, he is confident that the Scandinavian Jewish Heritage Centre will continue to reduce the intermarriage rate there just as outreach in Toronto and in other Canadian Jewish communities is the right way to tackle assimilation here.

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"Experience of a lifetime," says Kushner

Physiotherapist plays key role at Maccabi Games

By
DEBBY GLASER

EDMONTON —

Many people don't realize that when a team goes to an international sporting competition such as the Maccabi Games, it is not composed solely of athletes. In order to ensure that the athletes are kept in top shape, and that any illnesses, injuries or other problems that might occur are attended to immediately, a support staff which includes coaches, doctors and physiotherapists is part of the team.

Edmonton native Shirley Kushner is one of these important members of the 1989 Canadian Maccabi team. Shirley, a physiotherapist currently working at the Glen Sather Sports Medicine Clinic at the University of Alberta, sports a degree in physiotherapy and a Masters in sports physiotherapy. She has completed the last of three levels of a post-graduate degree, allowing her to travel to Pan-Am, Olympic, Commonwealth and Universiad games in her professional capacity.

In addition to participating in the games as a physiotherapist, Shirley was the only member of the Canadian Medical team to deliver a paper at the Maccabiah-Wingate International Congress on Sport Sciences and Coaching, held from June 29-July 3 at the Wingate Institute in Netanya. This 31-year-old Institute is Israel's centre for sport training, education and research, and is also one of Kushner's alma maters.

Kushner recently completed one year travelling with the Canadian ski-jumping and nordic combined teams, after a stint with them at the Calgary Olympics. Prior to that, she was with the Canadian gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics teams at the Pan Am games in 1987 in Indianapolis. She also accompanied the Canadian delegation to the Pan Am Maccabi games that same summer in Caracas, Venezuela.

In addition to her studies in Canada, Kushner spent four years in Israel, where she attended the Wingate Institute,studying physical education, and lived on a kibbutz for a year. She says her knowledge of Hebrew has been an asset, helping her to be chosen as support staff for the 1985 Maccabiah Games, for the youth Maccabi Games in Toronto in 1986, and as hostess for the Israeli team at the Universiad Games in Edmonton in 1983.

Kushner's background in physical education and in physiotherapy made her want to pull the two areas together. In addition, she enjoys travelling and languages, so she has combined all her skills into the ideal career. As she says. "It's a great opportunity to see the world and work, too."

At the first Maccabiah games she attended, Kushner was one of a support staff of six. This year, the staff will include four physiotherapists, four athletic therapists, two physicians and one nurse. Their job is to keep the athletes healthy by attending to injuries that may occur prior to, during, or after competition. Kushner said she may be involved in pre-competition stretching, taping, electrotherapy (to relieve swelling and pain), manual therapy, relaxation and massage.

During events, she stands at the side lines, ready to run out and lend assistance if an athlete goes down. After the game, she performs a more detailed assessment of the injury, and may advise further treatment. Kushner says the most common type of injuries during competition are sprains and strains, but that a lot of athletes have chronic injuries which they bring with them to the games.

Back in Edmonton, Kushner works with the Alberta Ballet Company, helping the dancers stay in top form. She has some background in dance herself, and is currently engaged in research with an orthopedic surgeon and other therapists to evaluate the strength and flexibility of dancers as opposed to other athletes. The paper she delivered at the Wingate Institute touched on that subject and has been published in the American Journal of Sports Medicine. It is authored by the staff of the Glen Sather Sports Medicine Clinic, including Kushner.

"Going to the Maccabi games is the experience of a lifetime," Kushner said. "Not only from a competition point of view, but socially as well. You meet Jews from all over the world. It's fascinating."

Kushner has also been selected to accompany the Canadian team to the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand in 1990, where she is also presenting a paper, and hopes to keep going to the Maccabi Games as long as her skills are needed.

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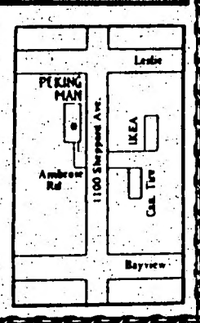

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Fashion

Earrings are number one sellers

Chenessa II carries three lines of accessories

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

As the saying goes in the fashion world — anyone can make a fuss, but you have to be good to stay.

Nellie Chen of Chenessa II is still here.

Beginning her original company, Chenessa Silk, nine years ago, Chen ran the successful importing industry from a store in the Eaton Centre. Today, that company has been replaced with an importing accessories business at 82 Peter St. in Toronto.

"We knew the lease was up in January so we decided to branch out. We had always supplemented our silks with a line of furs and accessories so the accessories business seemed to be the logical extension," Chen said.

"In May, 1988, we entered our first accessories show. We came fourth out of 800 exhibitors. We had a good reaction from all the specialty stores but we still didn't have a new showroom.

The Maltese cross and decorative gold charm bracelet are from Chenessa II.

The chunky silver metal earrings and matching necklace are popular pieces at Chenessa II.

"However, we had good press coverage and news about us travelled by word-of-mouth through the industry. We were a little surprised that there was such a strong reaction. Gradually, we increased our variety and scope. We began to concentrate on better qualtiy merchandise — classic and fashion forward pieces. Today, we import some pieces by some very big names."

Chen got her first start in the industry through the cosmetics firm Revlon. While attending the University of Hong Kong as a history major, Chen joined Revlon, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Before emigrating to Canada with her husband 19 years ago, Chen was employed at the Trade Commission for Hong Kong. Chen established a branch office of the commission of Hong Kong in Canada.

"There have been so many changes in the fashion industry today," Chen said. "Our accessories are there to compensate or update wardrobes. We cater to a large range of women. For example, we carry teddybear earrings for the younger female, as well as the more sophisticated and whimsical pieces for the older lady.

"Since many people use jewelry to express their own styles, we have three basic groupings of accessories. There is the return-to-the-Renaissance that features a fine gold collection of a medium, light touch. Another grouping includes the pearl/gold collection that has different sizes in necklaces and bracelets.

"Finally, there is the group that make a statement — reflection of design. Right now, trends favor the softer, feminine look, and likewise, accessories are big in size, light in textures and weight. There is a bit of movement."

Chen says that the number one seller in the industry are earrings ant that won't change. Some of the trends include the designing of more and more adventurous pieces, a renewed interest in pins and bracelets and the layer-as-you-like necklaces that suit individual taste. The name of the game is consumer choice, Chen said.

And what is the next step for the second installment of Chenessa?

"Well, we have projected that by this time next year we will have our own accessories collection. We have only spent a short time in the business so far, but everything takes time — especially to bring in the good merchandise."

"I suppose, at the same time, we try to create a little fun and excitement. My staff is well trained all the way around and they have fun with what they do. It's more than just a business," Chen said.

"One point about the fashion forward line is the fact that you always have to carry through with a design even if is not popular at first. You never know what is going to work out. This business is full of surprises."

Like most of the people in the industry, Chen said the field has its advantages and disadvantages.

"You always feel that you are understaffed and that there is never enough time in a day to do all the things you plan to do. It is a continuous thing and you have to decide what it is that you are going to sacrifice.

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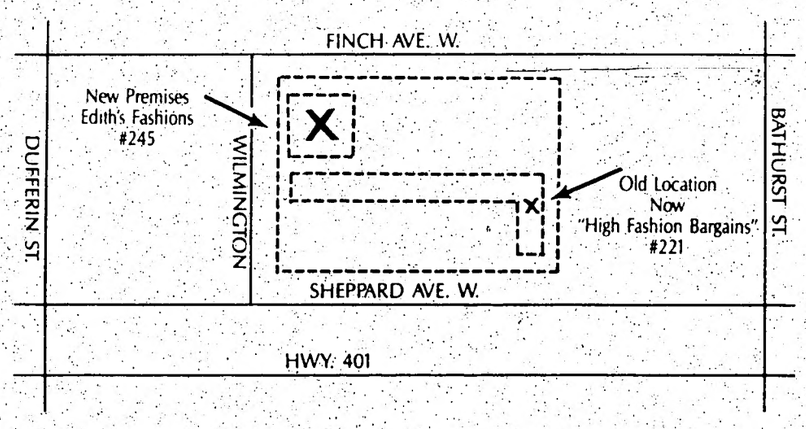

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By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

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Jerry Baker of Jerry Baker Custom Clothier has been visiting clients on their own turf for many years as a service to busy business executives.

"Most executives I know hate to shop. It's noisy, inconvenient and high pressure. Who wants to walk into a tailor shop and face six salesmen all working on commission?"

Baker has worked in the clothing business for the past 30 years, but the home catering has kept him busy for only the last 15.

Baker began his fashion career at Tip Top Tailor's head office in Toronto and was quickly promoted to manage their W.H. Leishman Showroom for five years.

He worked for Johnny Shapiro Men's wear for eight years assisting in all aspects of merchandising and buying. Baker was general manager and buyer for Hampton's Gentlemen's Apparel Ltd. and has sold suits to leading Toronto buisnessmen at Studio 267, Alan Cherry and Mr. Mann.

Over the years, Baker has developed a loyal clientele who look to him for advice on wardrobe planning as well as selecting and coordinating accessories.

Perhaps most impressive is his dedication to his clients. Baker is willing to visit clients in their homes or offices anytime between 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"Most of my business is done in and around the Toronto area although there have been exceptions. I have flown as far as Calgary and Florida to provide service to some of my clients," he admitted.

"Also, because I have a low overhead, I am able to charge 30 to 35% less to my customers than the average men's clothing store.

"The way it works is this. After I've visited the client, measured him and helped him choose a style, I go to the manufacturers. I work very closely with some of the leading manufacturers in Canada so the fabric, the fit and the style are perfect.

"When I take the garment back to the customer I do any adjustments or alterations that are needed. At that time, I also match the suit with shirts, ties and other accessories if it is desired."

Tailoring by Baker ensures a perfect fit.

The lighter the fabric, the more wrinkly the suit. So, this year's popular fabrics are wool and wool blends for the travelling executive to avoid wrinkles. Blends are also popular for the summer.

The colors at the top of many lists this summer are various shades of navy and groups in solids, muted checks and nailhead patterns. The styles have come full circle again and picked up the double-breasted almost gangster-style suit from the 1940s.

"Overall, Canadian manufacturing is much more superior than it is in the States. Canadian designers use the best European fabrics and have the expertise in styling and construction in suits, coats and formal wear. So, Canadians pay more for a suit than those in the States, but we're getting our money's worth."

Baker said he stands behind his work because it is good.

"I have to be very careful. Everything is letter perfect when I leave because I get most of my business through word of mouth. If my clothes aren't good, I don't get the referrals."

Due to his expertise in the field, Baker is able to supply his customers with a few fashion facts.

For example, for the man who attends more than three or four formal functions in one year, it's actually more economical to have a tuxedo custom-made than it is to rent one at $100 per time. This is to say nothing of the convenience of owning a tuxedo.

As well, fit is the key to fashion, Baker says.

"The secret of made-to-measure is figure description. It's as important for a designer to know the exact posture of a client, the way he or she stands and is built, as it is to have exact measurements."

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One of the top 10 exports

Epilady eases hair-raising debt

By MARLO FIELDSTONE

Epilady, a revolutionary hand-held, hair-removal device, has become one of Israel's most profitable exports.

In 1988 worldwide sales exceeded $80 million (U.S.) and revenues for 1989 are projected to exceed $130 million (U.S.).

Berl Bessin, president of Epilady Canada, and Sherry Wesa, national sales and marketing manager, discussed the marketing strategies behind the success of the product at a recent public lecture sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Bessin told The CJN that Epilady's world-wide sales "are of great importance to Israel's hard-currency revenue. Epilady's revenue alone accounts for contributing to the reduction of Israel's $2 billion (U.S.) trade deficit by 6½%. "He asserts that "it's one of Israel's top 10 single products of export along with diamonds, military and agricultural products."

The Epilady appliance was launched into world markets in 1987. It was independently developed in 1985 by two Israeli inventors with final product development by Mepro of Kibbutz Hagoshrim in northern Israel. "The kibbutz didn't know at first what to do with this device," Bessin said.

Members met with major marketing people outside of Israel who created strategies for successful sales not only in the domestic but in the large international markets of Europe, South and North America.

Epilady's greatest sales have been in the North American markets. Introduced in the United States in August of 1987, at Bloomingdale's in New York, sales climbed to 160,000 units in five months.

Starting in July, 1988, Bessin's Canadian company in the first six months exceeded its 12-month forecast with sales of more than 90,000 units at approximately $100 retail per unit.

Bessin and Wesa attribute the success of Epilady to a unique and long-lasting guaranteed product and first-class marketing strategies for all its worldwide distributors. Wesa stresses that a "major tactic has been to place the appliance in the cosmetic department rather than the traditional hardware or electrical departments."

The kibbutz has engaged tremendous resources to promote the product through creative national advertising both in the U.S. and Canada. Promotion has emphasized product knowledge through product demonstrations and the availability of a Canadian toll-free number (1-800-668-0360) to the consumer.

Kibbutz Hagoshrim has devised a game plan for its continued commercial success by being an innovator in the competitive beauty-care industry. It is developing a family of new Epiproducts, electrical devices for face and body-care. For example, a widely promoted mini-facial care unit called the EpiSauna is small and compact for the traveller.

Gallery Gatherings

New outlet brings contemporary Soviet art here

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

Gallery Gatherings appears once a month. Items for the column should be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to publication. For example, if you want something in the August issue, it should be in our office by July 15. We cannot, of course, guarantee to print everything received.

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The Alma Gallery: *Breaking Away*, a 10-year retrospective of watercolors and acrylics by Sheldon Goldman. To July 29. At 588 Markham St. 2nd floor. 483-4714.

Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: A group show during July and August including Susanna Samanek, Graham Metson, John Romonao, Scott McDermid and Steve Rockwell. 80 Spadina Ave, Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art Gallery of Hamilton: A major 75th anniversary exhibition of large scale 19th century historic landscapes and portraits by Wyn C. Geleynse. Also, *Four Film Works*, (film loops and black and white photography). Both, July 13 through Aug. 13. At 123 King St. W. in Hamilton. (416) 527-6610.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *Recent Acquisitions and Promised Gifts*, 36 paintings, drawings, sculptures, prints, watercolors, photographs and installations, plus works by major artists from local private collections which have been promised as gifts. To Aug. 13. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Hand-painted and lacquered box from the city of Paleckh in the Soviet Union. (At the Moscow Art Gallery in Toronto).

Bau-Xi: Don Jarvis, Recent paintings. Until July 16. Alistair Bell, a decade of drypoints, engravings and etchings by one of Canada's master printmakers. July 18-Aug. 6. At 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: Group show through July and August. 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: *The Summer Show*, a changing exhibition of established and emerging printmakers. Collages, mixed media and watercolors also on view. To the end of August. 3441 Yonge St. 487-2887.

Galerie Baux Arts: A show by gallery artists including works in various media by Gail Schwartz which have received an award of excellence from the Art Horizon International Art Competition. Through September. 2064 Avenue Rd. (south of Wilson). 322-0995.

Galerie Dresdnere: Group artists exhibition. Through the summer. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Galerie Heritage: *Summer Art Showcase*, sculpture from around the world. 137 Yorkville Ave. 967-1675.

Gallery Moos: Lester Johnson, figurative paintings. Until July 15. Group shows. To September. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Gallery 306: *Eight-Sided Vision: Artists Inner Bound*, Eclectic exhibition of masks, paintings, sculpture, hand-made paper, jewelry, by Jonni Cooper, Elve Foote, Susan Lennox, John Main, Gloria Marshall, Barry Mattin, Jan Waldorf, Nora Wales. To July 11. 421 Quebec Ave. 767-1540, 845-5357.

Gallery Phillip: Gallery artists, Group show. Featured will be paintings by Sylvia Armeni, George W. Bates, Brent Heighton, Mary Hill, Andris Leimanis, Harold Lyon, Daphne Odjig and Armand Tatossian. July and August. 939 Lawrence Ave. E. (Don Mills Centre). 447-1301.

Garnet Press Gallery: A 2-person exhibition of new work by Quebec artist Laurence Breton (painting and collage) and Toronto artist Carlo Cesta (drawing and sculpture). Until July 15. Also, Warren Quigley's spring/summer outdoor installation, *Perpetual State of Crisis*. To Aug. 25. Gallery artists, July 22-Sept. 2. At 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Harbourfront: Ed Poitras, *Indian Territory*, a travelling exhibition of work by this Metis artist focusing on his concerns with ecology and the environment. Attila Richard Lukacs, *Skinheads*, portraits and large-scale paintings of these youths. Lucacs, who began exhibiting in Vancouver five years ago, currently lives in West Berlin. *Design for Independent Living*, presents objects designed for elderly and disabled persons. *In-Site-On Place: Nurture/Nature Sculpture*, by Robin Collyer. To Sept. 10. In The Power Plant, 231 Queen's Quay W. 973-4949.

Humewood II Gallery: Works by Quebec artists, Jean-Paul Lemieux, M.A. Fortin, A. Rousseau, C. Picher, J.P Riopelle and others, exhibited at Humewood II in Toronto by the Quebec City Galerie Christin. Through the summer. 467 Jarvis St. 961-9500.

Innuit Gallery of Eskimo Art: *Antiquities and Artifacts*. July 15-Aug. 4. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

The Jewish Museum (New York): *The Fall*, by Israeli sculptor Ilan Averbuch, on view in the outside sculpture court. *In the Shadow of Conflict: Israeli Art, 1980-89*, documents the artistic response to the political and social climate in Israel. Both until Aug. 6. *Memories of Alsace: Folk Art and Jewish Tradition*, continues to Aug. 14. 1109 Fifth Ave., New York. (212) 860-1888.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *Arthur Shilling Retrospective*. Paintings primarily of children, by the late Ojibway artist. Continues to Aug. 24. At 901 Lawrence Ave. W. 789-7011.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: East Gallery, Susan Low-Beer, ceramic sculpture. West Gallery, Theresa Bolinger, mainly charcoal on paper. Until July 13. Both galleries, *Scottie Wilson: The Canadian Drawings*,. These drawings are circa 1930-44. July 20-Aug. 17. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: *Harold Feist: Genesis of an Image*, a major exhibition of abstract paintings, acrylic canvases. Also, *Michael Gerry: Recent Paintings*, acrylics and mixed media paintings in the Loggia Gallery. Both until July 26. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Group show by gallery artists, July and August. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 208. Phone 365-9515.

The Market Gallery: *Home Field Advantage: Toronto Sporting Sites Past and Present*, photos, old prints, and models, recording the history of about 25 sports sites in the city, ranging from turn-of-the-century regatta courses and ice boat circuits on Toronto Bay, through Mutual Arena, Maple Leaf Stadium and the SkyDome. Continues until Oct. 22. 95 Front St. E., 2nd floor. 392-7604.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Baker Lake 1974*, selections from the Baker Lake print collection. To July 16. *Cape Dorset Sculpture and Engravings*. Until Aug. 6. Also, an exhibition of books, manuscripts, photographs and other published material exploring the Group of Seven and other Canadian artists. Until Sept. 3. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, Ont. For details about various special summer programs, call 893-1121.

Moscow Art Gallery: Just opened in Toronto, this gallery features works by contemporary Soviet artists including Vukolov, Danshin, Myznikov, Sokolov and Strulev, as well as hand-painted Paleckh lacquered boxes. 25 Bellair St., 2nd floor. 975-9733.

Neville Gallery: June Dodleston and Mel Steiner, oils, acrylics and watercolors. To July 15. At 71 McCaul St., Village by the Grange. 593-4177.

Odon Wagner Gallery: Contemporary international painters in the Upper Gallery. Traditional European Artists, 18th, 19th and 20th century painters. Through August. 194 Davenport Rd. 962-0438.

Quan.Schieder Gallery: Gallery artists, July and August. 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery: Oshawa raised painter, Jay McCarten, *Figure-Shadow-Image*. To July 23. *Sporting Life*, the Thomas Bouckley collection of photographs. To July 23. *Better Living: Don Carr*, works on canvas and paper. Continues until Aug. 20. *Painters Eleven*. To Oct. 24. Civic Centre, Oshawa. 576-3000.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum): *The Afghan Folio*, 32 photographs by U.S. photographer Luke Powell portraying the landscapes, mosques, markets, cities and people of Afghanistan. The field work for this exhibition was done between 1973 and 1978 when Powell found a country which he said, "seemed to be rushing headlong into the 13th century...visually exciting beyond anything that I had ever seen or have seen since." To Nov. 19. 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Yaneff Gallery: *Three Canadian Artists*, abstract oils by Jerzy Kolacz; portrait heads and abstract oil paintings by Rene Marcil, and Pat Durr's works on paper. To July 14. Antique French Posters including Steinlen, Chernet, Pal, Cappielo. July 19-Aug.31. 119 Isabella St. 924-6677.

YYZ: *The Sinking of the Gigantic*, a performance by Clive Robertson, July 13 and 14. The gallery will be closed until September. 1087 Queen St. W. 531-7869.

Guitar and flute weave magic

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Mellow. Lilting. Insidiously involving. All apply to *Shayne Chalomes* (Yiddish for Beautiful Dreams), a new audiocassette of Jewish melodies performed as a kind of dialogue between guitar and flute.

Bill Bridges's lead guitar presents the rabbi's voice, while Bluma Schonbrun's flute answers for the child, in the latter's haunting arrangement of *Oyfn Pripitchik*. The song, written by Mark Warshawsky a century ago, recreates a bittersweet cheder world.

Guitar and flute pose and answer riddles of love, in *Tumbalaika*.

They together reinforce the haunting mystery of Nathan Alterman's *Layla, Layla*, about an unnamed mission beset by tragedy.

They rejoice in nostalgic recollections of *Mein Shtetele Belz*, and other musical testimonials to the variety and vibrancy of Jewish life.

This reviewer soon found himself first humming and then singing along, as did several others at the table with him. What started as background music to a little birthday party became a focus of attention.

Teacher-performer Schonbrun and longtime professional musician Bridges co-produced the tape, which is selling locally at $15. Bridges, who plays with Jewish musicians in the Quintessence quintet and the Nafshenu band, is not Jewish. "He has a mystical affinity for the music," Schonbrun said in a brief interview.

Alberta-born Bridges, who has been a professional guitarist since age 14, for about 30 years now, plays lead guitar. Schonbrun plays flute and accompanying guitar. Bridges also does a bit of percussion. Multiple roles were "dubbed over," said Schonbrun.

She said that she would not sing on the tape in order not to mar its attraction to the Orthodox community. Halacha prohibits men from listening to a woman singing.

Most people's acquaintance with Jewish music is limited to the gregarious selections played, often repeatedly, at weddings and bar mitzvahs, Schonbrun said. She herself performs at them. Her aim with the tape, she said, was to focus on the "soft, lovely melodies" that are rarely part of the "simcha syndrome."

Schonbrun, who obtained a Master's degree in music education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1962, has been teaching and performing for over 25 years. Her 1977 record BLUMA — Building Language Using Multicultural Arts — continues to be a popular grade school aid.

She has performed at Jewish schools and seniors' residences, and at concerts of Jewish music with Toronto musicologist-singer Faye Kellerstein.

Schonbrun told The CJN that *Shayne Chalomes* aims at imparting "her love and knowledge of Jewish music to a wider audience."

This is probably one dream that may soon become reality.

N.B. Jewish museum offering free tours

SAINT JOHN, N.B. — The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, the only Jewish museum in the Atlantic provinces, is offering free tours Monday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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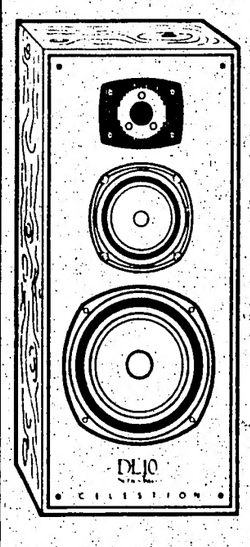

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Arts

Robin Williams amazes in sparkling, witty work

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Robin Williams continues to amaze.

Best known as a superb comedian, Williams was terrific in his last film, *Good Morning, Vietnam,* wherein he played the role of a madcap American broadcaster in South Vietnam.

Probably despairing that he had been typecast as a one-dimensional funnyman, Williams no doubt relished the opportunity to appear in Peter Weir's latest picture, *Dead Poets Society.*

In this sparkling, witty film pulsating with serious undertones, Williams is cast as John Keating, an English teacher at a preppy Vermont boy's school, Welton Academy. For once, Williams is given the chance to be more than a standup comic, and he succeeds in brilliant fashion. Indeed, his is an Academy Award-winning performance.

Keating, a graduate of Welton, is something of a non-conformist, an iconoclast who shakes up his students and, ultimately, ruins his career.

His motto is carpe diem — seize the day. In a stodgy school which lives by crusty tradition, Keating is like a breath of fresh air. To the incredulity and bemusement of his students, he inspires them to reach out and pursue their individual passions, to find their own voices.

He rips pages out of a dated book on poetry; he stands on his desk to illustrate a relevant point; he marches his charges around a courtyard like raw troops.

Not surprisingly, Keating finds ready converts who are willing, and able, to discover new horizons in their lives.

There's Neil (Robert Sean Leonard), who stumbles upon acting as a vocation; Todd (Ethan Hawke), who overcomes an inhibition; Charlie (Gale Hansen), who wins over the girl of his dreams (Alexandra Powers); Knox (Josh Charles), who embraces Keating's dictum with a passion.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Dead Poets Society* **moves along brightly and briskly, enmeshing us in its delightful — and depressing — intricacies.**

If there's a moral here, it's that one exceptional teacher can make a difference. Keating, rather than being content with the path of least resistance, embarks on an odyssey whose ramifications go far and deep.

With his puckish face, nonchalant mannerisms and excellent timing, Williams is simply extraordinary as a teacher who charts brave, new worlds for the boys who grow to like and respect him.

The pity of it is that he is not in the film often enough. But, unlike *Good Morning, Vietnam, Dead Poets Society* does not stand and fall on only one man's brilliance. Even without Williams, this would be a pretty fine film.

I regret to say, however, that Weir does not leave well enough alone and succumbs to a terrible temptation in the final scene — which is contrived and embarrassingly corny.

If he had relegated it to the cutting room, *Dead Poets Society,* I think, would have been even better.

Robin Williams more than fills the role of a teacher in Dead Poets Society.

Zeev Lerner and his accompanist Rachel Rosenstein.

TJC's Yiddish concert will feature Zeev Lerner

TORONTO —

The annual open air concert of the committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress will this year feature world-renowned folk singer Zeev Lerner, among other talents in Yiddish music and song.

Scheduled for Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m. in the Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park (at Bathurst and Sheppard in Willowdale), the concert will also mark the 20th anniversary of the national committee for Yiddish and Yiddish Culture, in Montreal.

Lerner, a mainstay performer in the Catskills and Israel, will be accompanied on piano by Rachel Rosenstein, a graduate of McGill University's music program.

Others on the program are Yossi and his Orchestra, the men's and boy's choir of the Beth Emeth Synagogue, under the baton of Charles Heller, well-known vocalist Faye Kellerstein, and bass vocalist Leonard Karpinsky, all under the musical coordination of Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Synagogue.

The concert is being held with support from the City of North York and the Toronto Musicians' Union.

In case of rain, the concert will be held at Beth Emeth Synagogue, 100 Elder St. in Downsview.

The public is cautioned that parking will be extremely limited. Use of public transit is urged.

For further details, call Sylvia Lustgarten at 635-2883.

Dardashti and family charm with performance at Beth Tzedec

By LYNDA BORDEN

TORONTO —

Cantor Farid Dardashti and his family charmed and delighted a crowd of over 2,000 people at Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently in a concert that displayed the far-ranging variety of Jewish music.

The Baltimore-based family featured Dardashti's wife Sheila and daughters Danielle, 19, Galeet, 15 and Michelle, 9 who proved that the family who plays together can offer a lot to their audience. The concert, sponsored by Joseph and Faye Firestone, was free to the public.

Accompanied by Russian-born Vera Danchenko, the native Persian Dardashti sang the folk song *Ma Yafim Ha'Leilot,* rarely heard outside Israel. He followed up with a selection from the Jacques Halevy opera *La Juive.* With this unlikely musical coupling, the tone of the evening was set.

Dardashti transcended the East-West culture gap by singing a rendition of *Sorrento* in Persian. His warm tenor, reminiscent of Yossele Rosenblatt's, rendered his microphone unnecessary. The man has a powerful voice.

In contrast to Dardashti's operatic tenor, his family provided an all-American antithesis, singing in bursts of enthusiasm. The mother-daughter harmonies were identical, but the intonation was purely their father's. The women alternated on guitar as well as percussion. Even the youngest child seemed completely natural on stage, singing directly into the microphone and hamming it up when necessary.

The incorporation of props and matched costumes brought smiles and nods of approval from the audience. During *Quando El Rey Nimrod,* a Ladino song, Dardashti encouraged his largely Ashkenazi audience to snap their fingers. He illustrated a 2-handed sound he called "the Persian Snap."

Eldest daughter Danielle performed Frank Loesser's *Adelaide's Lament,* complete with a thick Brooklyn brogue.

The son of a famous Iranian singer, Dardashti came to the U.S. to study music in the 1960s. He formed a duo with his future bride whom he met during a visit to Israel.

Dardashti plans to release a double album this year.

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Guitar-maker Bill Laskin tries a new note on radio

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Guitar-maker Bill (Grit) Laskin has become an occasional contributor to *Musical Friends*, a new radio show hosted by folk-singer-broadcaster Marie-Lynn Hammond.

The show, which features music and talk in a magazine format, is broadcast each Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on CBC-AM.

In his first segment, scheduled for July 30, Laskin talks about flamenco guitars and interviews a flamenco guitarist.

The noted guitar-maker and musician, who performs in the folk group Friends of Fiddler's Green, told The CJN recently that his role on the show is to be that of "a reporter, but with a connection to the music scene."

A visit to his Davenport Road workshop found him busy at work on a number of guitars, finishing a complicated inlay job on one while creating the templates for another. Laskin makes about 22 guitars a year, all acoustic.

His steel-stringed instruments go for about $2,300 each with case, while his classical and flamenco models sell for upwards of $3,300 with case.

Materials that go into their construction include rosewood, spruce, mahogany, ebony, and "lots of species that are from the tropical rain forests, unfortunately. We're not like architects or furniture-makers who can call for different woods. We need these woods for the sounds they produce."

Laskin also keeps a supply on hand of abalone shell, mother of pearl and ivory, needed for the ornamental inlays. He produced a 4-inch piece of ivory cut from an elephant's tusk.

"The papers you have to fill in to import this stuff are just unbelievable," he said. "You pay for this stuff by the pound, and it ain't cheap. It costs between $80 to $90 per pound."

Laskin's guitars have been bought or commissioned by many celebrated musicians including the late folk artist Stan Rogers, country and western performer K. D. Lang, flamenco strummer Jose Valle, classical guitarist Richard Bradley and Tom Chapin, brother to Harry, who just purchased his second Laskin instrument.

"It takes a couple of months for a pair of instruments to go through the process of construction," Laskin explained. "Half of that is the finishing time. It's got to go slowly, otherwise you won't get a good shine."

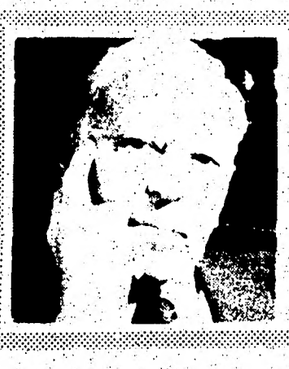
Bill (Grit) Laskin

A Hamilton native who started playing guitar at nine years old, Laskin apprenticed with guitar-maker Jean Larrivee and began making the instruments on his own in 1971. Only in recent years, he said, did he discover that his grandfather was a klezmer musician as well as a goldsmith.

Since there is no place in Canada to learn his craft, Laskin and several other instrument-makers recently arranged with George Brown College to prepare a course in guitar and violin manufacture and repair to begin in September 1990.

"It's the first thing like it in the country, and the only thing like it for guitar on the continent," Laskin said.

A.B. Yehoshua's Five Seasons proves a superbly crafted novel



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Five Seasons, by A. B. Yehoshua. Doubleday, $29.95.

Who are Israel's most accomplished writers of fiction? The names that come most quickly to mind are Amos Oz, Aaron Appelfeld and A. B. Yehoshua. A number of others wait in the wings, eager for their works to be translated and their singular talents to be uncovered.

Yehoshua's growing reputation and readership derive from a dozen or so memorable short stories and his novels, *The Lover* **and** *A Late Divorce*.

In much of his work he skilfully creates a world of nightmare and angst beneath an outwardly gentle and quiet facade. Things are not as they seem; passion and hostility flow from the most unlikely places.

In *A Late Divorce* the author depicts the diverse emotions of family members caught up in a crisis — the divorce of a long-married couple. All parties in the drama — husband, wife, sons, daughter and young grandson — express their feelings of concern, affection and outrage as cherished values disintegrate. The climax is reached at a dramatic Passover seder.

Concerned largely with tangled personal relationships and the need for the individual to come to terms with himself and his environment, Yehoshua, at the same time, brilliantly illuminates the varied textures of daily life in Israel.

For seven years Molkho, the unheroic protagonist of the *Five Seasons*, **has dutifully nursed his incurably ill wife. Her death leaves him shaken and uncertain. He is ordinary and unimaginative, a third generation Israeli who works for a government bureau in Haifa. He is determined at 51 to gather up the fragments of his life and begin again. Matrimony is an ever present and increasingly pleasing possibility.**

The five seasons of the title refer to stages in Molkho's emotional development, four of them — apart from his wife — centred on women with whom he becomes emotionally involved. These include a pinch-penny legal advisor who works in the same office; an 11-year old Indian girl with whom he becomes strangely infatuated; an old flame, married to a good friend who now wants to divest himself of his wife and suggests Molkho, and a young Russian immigrant who displays more interest in drinking and shopping than in marriage.

A year passes. Molkho painfully learns much about himself and his real needs. There is no marriage, because there has been no true love. But Molkho, a wiser man, a figure of experience and new insight, can look forward to a future more rewarding and fulfilling.

Suspenseful and engrossing as a story, *Five Seasons* **is also a psychologically acute study of a widower who is enveloped in such concerns as the inevitability of death, the meaning of loneliness, the quality of independence.**

This is a superbly crafted novel, rich in details, colors and impressions. Brilliantly translated by Hillel Halkin, it is warmly recommended.

Kashruth violations described in new book

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Proprietor laxity in or violation of kashruth laws is among the wide range of marketplace deceptions described by Paul Blumberg in *The Predatory Society* (Oxford University Press, $28.50).

In the New York area, no more than two or three of a dozen grocery stores, resort hotels, a supermarket deli, and a nursing home "were kosher in fact as well as in name," writes the City of New York sociology professor.

Kashruth violations included: the slicing of both kosher and non-kosher meats on the same slicer; using regular dishes during Passover; mixing meat and dairy utensils in the kitchen; using non-kosher dairy products; and affixing kosher-le-Pesach stickers on regular foods.

Non-Jewish employees often prepared their breakfasts of ham and eggs with customer utensils. Often a mashgiach, kashruth supervisor, was not present to direct the staff, who did not know or understand kashruth laws.

Recently, a Chicago judge ordered a nationwide recall of close to 400,000 pounds of poultry by a food company that had mislabelled its product as kosher.

Other marketplace deceptions reported to the author by 700 employees between 1982 and 1987 include:

- Multiple charges by cab drivers.
- Gold shaving in the processing of jewelry.
- Substitutions and the use of leftovers in floral and catering orders.
- The perennial unneeded auto repairs.
- The substitution of tap water for spring water and of cheaper and/or spoiling seafood for higher priced seafood.
- Switch-and-bait, presale markups, the use of seconds, and other department store tricks.
- Shortweighting.

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Sums up tradition of the time

Jazz tapdancing in Black and Blue thrilling

GERRY MORRIS, the CJN's New York theatre critic, is a member of Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and American Theatre Critics Association.

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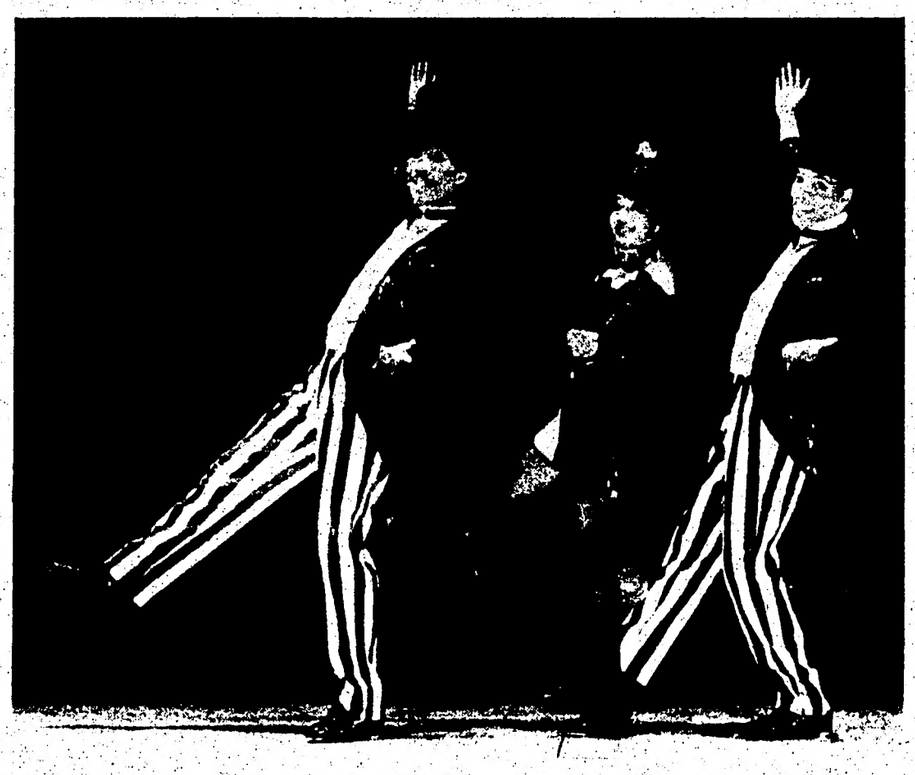
NEW YORK —

Fasten your seat belts: *Black and Blue* is a sizzling song and dance revue featuring legendary Black entertainers as well as some formidable newcomers.

I was practically thrown out of my seat by the jazz tapdancing — a robust full stage musical assault spearheaded by a hard-working 30-member dance ensemble, ranging in age from 12 to 80 and they dance like they love every minute of it.

There have been many revues based on Black music and dance over the years: *Sophisticated Ladies; Bubbling Brown Sugar; Eubie; Ain't Misbehavin*: but this one has a uniquely authentic style and energy, closer in spirit to that era.

What is so moving about Black and Blue is that it sums up the entire tradition of big time Black vaudeville: the hip-shaking sexiness, the bruises of the blues, and the spirited humor. It harks back to the Harlem Variety shows at the Apollo Theatre and the Cotton Club during the roaring 20s and the Depression-ridden 30s, when the art of tap dancing was the Black entertainers' passport to a pay check and social acceptability.



Bernard Manners (left), Dianne Walker and Kevin Ramsey in Black and Blue.

It then moved on and became the material of headliner acts on Broadway and in glitzy night clubs. (Remember in the 40s when entertainment hungry Torontonians shuffled to Buffalo to The Town Casino and Moonglow nightspots for some of that treatment?)

It was the era of the Harlem influence that gave birth to jazz immortals such as: W. C. Handy, Fats Waller, Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Louis Jordan, Fletcher Henderson excitingly blended with the dazzling hoofbeats of Bill (Bojangles) Robinson, the Nicholas Brothers, and the never-to-be-forgotten creator of rhythm and tap, John Bubbles.

Tap dancing went into a decline from the late 50s into the mid 70s, when Rock 'n' Roll and TV knocked the legs out from under the live variety show. Happily, tap has re-emerged as a popular art form bolstered by the popularity of all-Black revues.

They include the Broadway musicals *My One and Only* and *Tap Dance Kid*, as well as under-rated films such as *Cotton Club* and *Tap*, and the commercial visibility of such award winning tappers as Gregory Hines, Tommy Tune and Honi Cole.

Black and Blue is conceived by directors Claudio Segovia and Hector Orezzoli, who earlier gave us *Tango Argentino* and *Flamenco Puro*. They have brought *Black and Blue* to Broadway after a 6-month engagement in Paris, where it received an infusion of Le Jazz hot treatment.

The duo have recreated not just the music and dance, but the mood-enhancing scenery, costumes and lighting, all of which reflect a deep love and respect for both the era and the material.

When the opening curtain goes up on *Black and Blue* all the exciting ingredients are there. The silhouetted figures of Ruth Brown, Linda Hopkins and Carrie Smith are singing *I'm A Woman*, as their shadows fill the height of the dimly lit stage backdropped by 1,000 stars.

Throughout the evening the Red-Hot-Mamma trio alternate their delivery of Jazz-blues standards such as the title song; *I've Got A Right To Sing The Blues; Am I Blue?; After You've Gone;* and *Body and Soul.* One of the highlights of the show is Ruth Brown's big-voice treatment of St. Louis Blues, and the fun loving, low-down version of *If I Can't Sell It — I'll Keep Sitting On It.*

Black and Blue presents some of the best known veteran tap dancers in the country, among them Bunny Briggs, Ralph Brown, Lon Chaney and Jimmy Slyde. White-haired, pixilated, Bunny Briggs elevates the proceedings as he effortlessly demonstrates his tapping versatility to the tune of Duke Ellington's *In A Sentimental Mood.*

Another old hoofer, Jimmy Slyde does just that as he glides through a muted *Stompin At The Savoy.* Three agile youngsters, Cyd Glover, Savion Glover and Dormestia Sumbay, all clad in white tie and tails, bring down the house as they tap up a storm with Rhythm Is My Business.

At the side of these great entertainers is a wonderful 13-piece swing orchestra, conducted by pianist-conductor Leonard Oxley and featuring 80-year-old jazz violinist Claude Williams.

If there's a fault in this 2½ hour jamboree, it can be found in the overlong second act. Two or three of the more flamboyantly repetitious numbers could have been cut — which would have made a much tighter second half.

Notwithstanding, it's a night of bravura dancing and singing with all stops pulled out. Most of all it has a chorus line that sports the best looking legs in town (Make that any town!).

Black and Blue is playing at the Minskoff Theatre (200 W. 45th St., west of Broadway).

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Paranoia production nets Doras for Cherniak, Theatre Columbus

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Leah Cherniak and Theatre Columbus which she co-founded came out winners recently at the 10th anniversary of the Dora Mavor Moore Awards, popularly known as the "Doras."

The daughter of Jack and Ruth Cherniak, who are formerly of Winnipeg, she directed the play *Paranoia* which won two awards, one for outstanding production and the other for outstanding performance (small theatres division), the latter given collectively to the entire cast. —

When Cherniak was introduced on the stage, she looked around admiringly at the Royal Alexandra Theatre where the event was held and said: "We're from the Poor Alex theatre. But I'm sure this is a nice theatre too." The co-founder of Theatre Columbus, Martha Ross, was also on stage with her to accept the two Doras.

Paranoia was also nominated for outstanding new play, and outstanding direction (by Cherniak), but did not win in these categories. A nomination for outstanding design went to *Cooking with Columbus*, another play put on by her troupe.

Cherniak has paid her dues on the small theatre circuit in Toronto, directing and performing in off mainstream type productions where audiences were tiny and uncertain. She studied clowning in France for a year. Since establishing its home in the Poor Alex, Theatre Columbus has scored good marks with the critics.

Ed Mirvish, the Royal Alex's owner, also called to the stage, has good reason to remember the Poor Alex theatre on Brunswick Ave. at Bloor St. Many years ago he bought the property and allowed struggling troupes to use it for a nominal rental of $15 or $20 a week. He has since sold the building.

Use natural stimuli for problems: MD

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Toronto physician Alex Rivlin describes how readers can apply their natural "fight or flight" body mechanism to solve emotional problems, in his new self-published book The Energy of Life.

Mulling over a specific problem against a background of continuous motor or sensory stimuli — as through jogging, walking, or soaking in a bath — will facilitate the mind's ability to come up with a solution, he writes.

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From black and white to color

Two Berlins seem to be worlds apart

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

EAST BERLIN —
There is a world of difference between West Germany and East Germany and their largest respective cities, East Berlin and West Berlin.

One is capitalist and pro-Western; the other is communist and faces resolutely east toward the Soviet Union.

The division of Germany, the end result of Adolf Hitler's insane, imperialist policies, offers a Canadian visitor insights into two radically different societies.

If you really want to understand these differences, you can begin by riding a train from Braunschweig (Brunswick), West Germany, to West Berlin via East Germany, a distance of about 110 miles. Once you're in West Berlin — which is part of West Germany but which is still occupied by the U.S., France and Britain — you can travel to East Berlin in minutes with the overhead municipal train.

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An hour out of Braunschweig, the train slows to a stop. The border is just ahead. I lean out the window. East Germany, a staunch Soviet ally, looms large.

The atmosphere changes swiftly. Solemn, heavily-armed soldiers or policemen appear out of the blue, some leading ferocious-looking German shepherd dogs. Watch towers and barbed wire fences complete the circle of totalitarianism.

People look dowdy

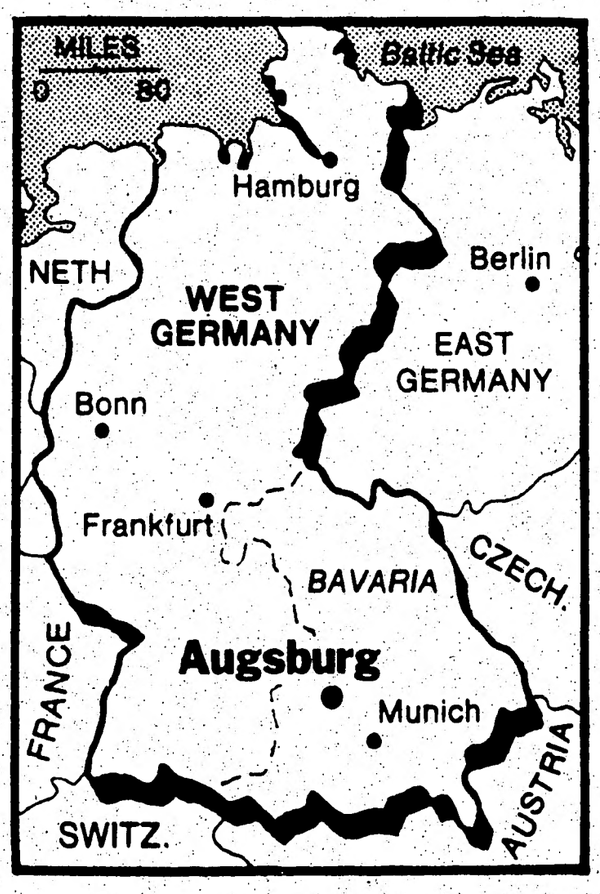
With a bump and a grind, the train starts moving again. The rural landscape is as pastoral as in West Germany, but the buildings are pre-war and ramshackle and paint on them is fading. Virtually all the cars on the road are runty, battered Soviet Ladas.

The few towns and cities appear gray and delapidated, as if the phrase public works did not exist. The people look rather dowdy, but suitably fed.

And there is that odd East bloc odor in the air — a mixture of strong disinfectant and cheap rubber.

An East German conductor comes by and brusquely asks for my passport. He glances through it cursorily and inserts an official document which he has duly stamped.

Just past Potsdam, after another check by grim East German authorities, everything changes from black-and-white to color. Suddenly, as if by magic,



the unmistakable signs of Western consumerism emerge: shiny, new cars whizzing by on super highways; bright, provocative billboards; well-dressed pedestrians.

We're in West Berlin.

One day later, having settled down, I get on the S-Bahn (train) at the main Zoo Station, bound for East Berlin. Within about 15 minutes, the train arrives at the Freidrichstrasse station.

I walk down a flight of grimy stairs and enter a fairly large hall filled with hundreds of people like myself waiting to be admitted to East Berlin.

The lines seem endless but they move, if only imperceptibly.

It's finally my turn. I present my passport to a uniformed official in a booth. He studies me fleetingly, checking whether my photograph matches my face. If it hadn't, he would have turned me away.

I'm obliged to convert the equivalent of 25 West German Deutsch marks into East German currency, which resembles Monopoly money.

I've left my copy of the International Herald-Trubune in the hotel. Regulations forbid visitors bringing Western newspapers, periodicals and books into the German Democratic Republic.

Emerging from the station at last, I walk into the bright sunshine. My first impression of East Berlin is that of a gray, unswept, slightly down-at-the-heels city.

It's a holiday in East Berlin, and boys and girls in blue uniforms roam the wide streets. The ambience is certainly festive. In the distance, I hear rock and roll music, which in the early days of the German Democratic Republic was considered bourgeois and therefore heretical.

The pre-war buildings are grand and baroque. The ones built after 1945 are gray, functional Stalinesque piles. The newest structures are cold glass and aluminum monuments to modern architecture.

Hungry, I grab a fish sandwich on a slab of white bread. In a cafeteria, I try a slice of almond cake. Not bad. But the pastry in West Berlin is far superior.

The shops are closed, leaving me no opportunity to gauge the quality of consumer goods on sale in Eastern Europe's most prosperous nation. But in store front grocery windows on side streets, the display consists of tins of cabbage and somewhat mouldy citrus fruit.

Burned out hulk

As I walk back to the station, I reach the burned out hulk of the Oranienberg synagogue. All but destroyed by the Nazis on Crystal Night, it is now being renovated by the government.

There are sights worth seeing in East Berlin — notably the Pergamon Museum and the Soviet war memorial. But, for me, time has run out. I must be back in West Berlin.

Since I'm not allowed to take East German money out of the country, I buy a half a dozen small cartons of East German cookies for my children (and myself!) and cigarettes for my mother-in-law. Thirty minutes later, I'm back in the bustling West.

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Business Outlook

Berenstein tries to keep youngsters happy in summer

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Sybil Berenstein has found a way to guarantee happy campers no matter what their age.

The Pampered Camper, a branch of Berenstein's company Nibbles N' Noshes is a unique gift service that has been established to spoil children between the ages of five and 15 who spend their summers at camp.

"For the summer, I pull many ideas from my own kids. For example, this year bandanas are a big item. The boxes might also include portable fans that run on batteries, flashlights, magnetic games, even balloons with messages like Love, Mom and Dad written on them.

"I will also pack in a gift for counsellors if the parents request it. For events like birthdays, I can also include loot bags for the other children in the cabin — again if the parents wish. The basic cost for the box is $25 with 8 to 10 items in each. There is also a note from the sender," said Berenstein.

Although the Pampered Camper is a relatively new service entering its third summer, Berenstein has been running her company for the past ten years.

It all began when she worked for a community service organization raising funds with candy trees.

"My father, always one of my biggest supporters, bought several of the trees for different people — clerks and other service people. So, when the next year rolled around, he came to me wanting to know what it was that we were going to make. I said nothing. And he said, so what are you going to make me?

Berenstein includes items like games and puzzles in The Pampered Camper.

"Almost automatically, I thought to myself that there must be a real need for this type of service. I decided to go for it. That is how Nibbles N' Noshes was started. I supply baskets for all occasions — anniversaries, Rosh Hashanah, birthdays — and I make deliveries to hospitals."

Berenstein works part-time during the day as an executive assistant at a downtown trust company so that leaves only evenings and weekends for her basket construction. She does her deliveries for a nominal fee.

"Glass and food items are not sent in either the boxes sent to the campers or in the regular service that runs the whole year," Berenstein stressed.

"I get a lot of support and input from my family. Last year, I had 70 odd orders I had to get out. I loaded down my husband's car, mapped out a route and away he went. The kids are also good about helping — I stay in the car while they take the box to the door. It works well, and it is fun," said the mother of three.

The items in the boxes differ based on the age of the recipient, but the variety is wide. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why Berenstein's business is so successful.

"The response has been great. I have heard from mothers who have received letters from their children saying that the boxes were amazing. Part of the surprise is that even if they know the boxes are coming, they really have no idea what's inside."

Where does the company go from here?

"It has been suggested to me that boxes for university kids would be a good idea, but I have put that aside for the moment. These ideas are all very time consuming and really I'm not prepared to go into it full time yet," Berenstein admitted.

Berenstein already has orders for this summer. She delivers to the United States as well as all over Canada. To date, she has had orders for campers in New York State, California, Ottawa, the Laurentians, Algonquin Park and the Montreal area.

Placing an order with The Pampered Camper is very easy. Berenstein can be reached at (416) 491-4999 or simply fill out one of the forms mailed out to customers. Only a few days notice is required as the boxes can be made up promptly and are delivered to the camps by courier the following day.

Israel's major banks seek new owners

JERUSALEM —

Israel's decision to find new owners for the country's major banks, rocked by scandal seven years ago, seemed to be approaching fruition this week.

The World Mizrachi Movement, owner of the United Mizrachi Bank, informed Finance Minister Shimon Peres that it is prepared to see the bank sold to the highest bidder.

The Movement's only condition was that efforts be made to see to it that the new owners, like the present one, represent the interests of Orthodox Jews.

That leaves Bank Leumi, one of the country's largest financial institutions, the last holdout.

Bank Leumi's major shareholder is the Jewish Agency. It objects to Peres' insistence that all bidders get an equal opportunity to buy the bank. The Agency demands that the present owners be given preference.

The Agency contends it can persuade major Jewish investors to bid for Bank Leumi while retaining its present ownership structure as the bank of the Zionist movement.

Peres has flatly rejected that approach and is backed by the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank.

Peres says he will introduce legislation requiring the open and equal sale of all banks and intends to begin with Bank Leumi. He expects its sale to realize a substantial profit for the Treasury.

It was the Treasury that bailed out Israel's largest banks when they faced collapse in 1982.

The banks had for years artifically inflated the value of their shares — a favorite form of savings among Israelis — duping the public.

When the bubble burst in October 1982, thousands of small investors were wiped out. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange crashed and there was a run on the banks, which faced sudden insolvency.

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Business Outlook

Will take longer to implement than expected

New sales tax to cover broad range of goods, services

Tax News

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As expected, the recent Federal budget contained a booklet summarizing the proposal for the much (little?) awaited Phase Two of tax reform: "The Goods and Services Tax (GST)." This tax is scheduled to replace the prehistoric manufacturer's sales tax, which has been the subject of considerable criticism.

A detailed technical paper and draft legislation on the GST is expected this summer, with the scheduled implementation of the new system on January 1, 1991. This tax will be a major topic of discussion over the next year or so, and a number of modifications are likely as it is analyzed and dissected by various sectors of our community.

Needless to say, the Minister of Finance is optimistic if he thinks this tax can be operational by 1991. Anything revolutionary in the tax field takes years before it reaches the public domain. One has only to look at the constant delays in implementing the retirement savings provisions to observe a current example of this.

The GST will be set at a 9% rate. It is a multi-stage tax on the sale of goods and services. In essence, all businesses throughout the production and distribution chain will charge the tax based on their domestic sales, and thus the tax will ultimately be borne by the end user. While the tax is charged on the entity's taxable sales, a credit is available for any tax paid on any goods and services used in the process. Essentially, a reporting entity will charge tax on the value added at each stage of the process.

In the early stages of tax reform, Michael Wilson stated that once this new sales tax was implemented, the personal surtaxes would be eliminated. Apparently this is no longer the case, so that taxpayers will now be attacked on both fronts.

The GST will be applied to an extremely broad range of goods and services, with certain minimal exceptions. The tax will not be applicable to export sales. However, it will be levied on most services, such as those of an electrician, a plumber — and even an accountant.

The exceptions fall into three categories. Certain products will receive "tax free" status. These are goods on which no tax is charged on sales, but a credit can be taken for taxes paid on purchases at the earliest stages. Goods that fall into this classification include groceries, prescription drugs and medical devices.

The second category is what's known as "tax-exempt" goods and services. Under this group, while no tax is charged on sales, the credit for taxes on purchases is not available. Such goods/services include residential rents, most health and dental services, day care services, legal aid services and most educational services.

The number of items that fit into these two classifications is sure to be the topic of much heated debate over the warm summer months.

The final category of exemption is dependent on the nature of the taxpayer providing the goods/services. Certain public sector institutions such as hospitals and school boards, registered charities and non-profit organizations, and agricultural and fishery related sales will be wholly or partially exempt from the GST.

A number of other changes will be made regarding the administrative aspects of the GST in an attempt to ease the pain and suffering sure to result for small businesses attempting to comply with this new tax. Small retailers will now have to collect both federal and provincial sales tax, which will undoubtedly create an administrative nightmare. This problem may be somewhat mitigated by providing a fee to small businesses for collecting the tax.

There is no question that the GST will have a major impact on the way Canadians do business. At present, the proposal is only in its infancy, and therefore it may be difficult to determine its potential impact in specific cases. However, the flat 9% rate is probably excessive and will be felt by each and every taxpayer.

Accordingly, it is prudent that taxpayers keep abreast of the status of this proposal so that they are able to react to it prior to the expected implementation date of January 1, 1991. In some cases, businesses may be able to reorganize their structures to reduce the impact of this tax.

During the debate preceding the budget, many groups advocated a GST without any exemptions. This rationale suggested a much lower rate across the board and a significant reduction in administrative and compliance problems created by exemptions. As well, a very generous refundable sales tax credit would be provided to lower-income Canadians. We think this type of system has some very real merits, but it is apparent that such a system is no longer under consideration by the government.

Individuals who are willing to take any steps to avoid taxes might consider stocking up on all their future goods and services needs before 1991. Perhaps, they might even be willing to prepay 20 years of accounting services.

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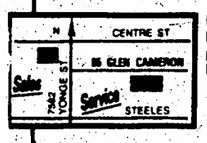

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Beautifully upgraded custom 4+ bdrm home in the Manor. Spacious principal rooms, 2 kitchens and large finished basement make this an entertainer's delight. Excellent value $699K. M. Nassar/J. Litwack 488-4488.

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Just out of town in a nice colony of large homes, builder willing to build 5,000 or 7,000 sq. ft. home. Bert Mezo 441-2888.

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BAYVIEW VILLAGE "RENOVATED"
$479,000 — Gorgeous updated bungalow, white kitchen, ensuite, fabulous new lower level, lovely quiet cres. Marion Alberga/Simone Stern 441-2888.

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BAYVIEW/WILLOWBROOK $419,000
Beautiful family home, 4 bdrms, exceptional master suite. 4 baths, separate liv & din. rm, finished lower level. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

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BATHURST/SHEPPARD BUNGALOW
$409,000 — Shows beautifully! Wonderful 62 x 148' lot. Pretty 3 bdrm + basement apt. Move-in condition. Simone Stern/Marion Alberga 441-2888.

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This 4 bdrm home is prof. decorated & has many upgrades including a hot tub & sauna. Lge. kitchen with south exposure. Call E. Kalef 441-2888.

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Stunning Georgian home, loads of extras, huge lot, 4,359 sq. ft. **Must sell!** Toby Saltzman 441-2888.

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Spacious family home with a warm entertaining flow. Main floor family room & den. New deck, cac, lovely private lot. Don't wait call Michele Rosen 488-4488.

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$3,850,000 — Prestigious Alexandra Wood — Magnificent secluded ravine property in the heart of the city. Fabulous outdoor living area — pool, cabana and walk-outs. Gracious stone residence offering the ultimate in luxury. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

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$2,200,000 — Exceptional home on magnificent lot 54' x 191'. Exquisitely restored to mint condition. No sign on property. For viewing please call Zoe Margolis or Toby Farb 488-4488.

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Location! Spacious 2 storey, 3 bdrms, main powder rm, finished lower level. C. Lazer 488-4488.

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$549,000 — Reduced $20,000, desirable location, fabulous 2 bdrm suite, 3 ens, 2 dens, breathtaking view from 500 sq. ft., open terrace, modern kitchen, 2 parking spaces. Make it your home!!! To view call Natalie Kopman/Olga Schrage 441-2888.

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Finished bsmt, skylights, Jacuzzi, step to Synagogue. *Cila Fleischmann 224-2800.

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Custom 5 bdrm, 2 stry on 50' x 150' south lot. Fabulous finishings $849,000 *Bev Burstein 223-5100.

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1 acre plus lot. 4 bdrms, triple gar, finished bsmt, modern white kitchen. Value plus. $895,000. *Gayle Friendly 223-5100.

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Great location to build. 2 lots — $329K each. Can accommodate 3,500-3,700 sq. ft. home. *Becky or *Gerry Wener 224-2800.

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BAYVIEW/16TH AVE. 4,500 SQ. FT.
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2 bdrm condo. Great starter. Also at Bathurst/Promenade $249,900. Several 2 bdrms to choose from. *A. Lipton 224-2800.

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BATHURST/CENTRE APPROX. 3,500 SQ. FT.
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Bungalow. Bsmt. apt. separate entrance, private drive, garage, 40' x 125' lot. Must sell *Orland Verrall 224-2800.

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60'x117' lot, 3 baths, 3+1 bdrm, ceramics, hardwood, central air, landscaped, updated! *Lenna Langer 224-2800.

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Luxurious 2 bdrm, 2 baths, separate din rm, large liv rm, wrap around balcony with S/E exposure. Close to all amenities. *Janine Pitch 223-5100.

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Fantastic Quality Renovation! Charming 3 storey Semi with Art Deco; Flair Throughout! Pillars! Marble! Skylights! Private Master Suite! Large Den w/ Frplce. Picturesque maintenance free garden. $995,000. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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$975,000. Centre hall. Main Flr Family Room, PDR Rm & Laundry. Cozy Master Suite. Plush Landscaping, Pool. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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Exquisite, renovated home on a magnificent (55 x 191') lot! Gorgeous white kitchen. New bthrms. Wonderful Layout! Celine Joel 488-2875.

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3 Stry Det. & Total Renov. Bleached grey oak Flrs, Designers Home — Superb Layout. Mn Flr Family Rm overlkg garden. M. Hutchison 488-2875.

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$789K for Quick Closing, Superb owner occupied duplex with 3 services. Good financing. Move in condition. Details Brenda Thomson 488-2875.

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$629,000 Stunning modern home 3 good Bdrms Mrbl Mstr ens, Huge walk-in closet pwdr Rm Eat-in kit, cac, new lndscpng Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

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Perfect Family Home in Move-in condition! Main Den & Bath. Finished Basement with Office/Play Rm. & Bdrm & 2pc. 40 x 130 Lot! C. Kwinter.

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4 Bdr semi w/3 car pkg. 2 Stry w/ 3rd potential. Renov, Mn Flr Powder Rm, 5 Appl. S. Exp. Garden, VTB 2nd. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

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Style & Value in this fresh 2 Bdrm. with Gar. & w/o to Grdn. Fully equpd, just move in. Early closing $259,900. Sylvia Naftolin 488-2875.

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2 Houses For Sale Private

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Bathurst/Lawrence - Great lot, 45x120, great location, great price. 2 storey brick, 3 bedrooms, central air, private basement entrance. Available immediately. 783-5087.

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BAYVIEW/YORK MILLS $1,095,000
Best value for this 5 bdrm. + fam. rm. + den home, huge greenhouse kit., skylight. Luxury. Janie Lerner/Ann Kamin 226-1987.

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BAYVIEW/SHEPPARD $899,000
This 4,200 sq ft custom built home boasts 5 bdrms., 6 baths & Many fine extras. Gorgeous backyard with inground pool. Reesa Sud 488-2875.

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$899,000. 5 bdrm. custom Shane Baghai built home. Exclusive cul-de-sac! Beautiful landscaped garden. Marty Wagman 226-1987.

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4 bdrm., 4 bath, spac. liv. & din., updated kit., fin. lower level. W/os ravine lot, dbl. gar., extras. 633-7373.

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CLARK-DUFFERIN
4 bdrm. 2 storey, good size liv. & din., fam. rm. W/o, rec rm, extras. 633-7373.

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BATHURST - WILSON CONDO
2 bdrm. condo, 2 bath, all good size rms. Laundry ensuite. Appl., move in condition - 633-7373.

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BATHURST-STEELES
NEW TOWN & COUNTRY PLAZA
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BATHURST-FISHERVILLE
3,200 sq. ft., super 5-bdrm. 2-stry. home, open stairs to bsmt., in-law or maid's qtrs., sep. entrance, appliances, air. 2-car gar.

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BATHURST-STEELES
2 elegant townhomes side by side, 3-bdrm., firepl., cent. air, gar.

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TORRESDALE-BATHURST
Sparkling 4-bdrm. bkspl., air cond., appl., 2-car gar. Steps to all amenities.

3 Houses For Rent

Bathurst/Steeles - Large modern 4 bedroom kosher home available September 1989- August '90, walk to B'nai Torah, Aitz Chaim, shopping, TTC. Call 223-2874.

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7 Condominiums For Rent

Bathurst/Steeles - Large 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, parking, balcony, appliances, $1,300/ month. 661-1242.

Bathurst/Finch - 2 bedroom condominium in adult building, $1,000/ month including utilities, parking. 785-8184.

Bathurst/Lawrence area - Luxury 3 bedroom apartment with all amenities, shabbat elevator and security. 781-1662, 360-6865.

Bathurst/Steeles - Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, balcony,parking, locker, $1,300. 638-2713.

6 Condominiums For Sale

SKYMARK REVIEW DON MILLS & FINCH

ZENITH — Comfortably renovated 2 bdrm with panoramic sunset view, 2 baths. Shows like a model suite.
SKYMARK II — Choices of 2 well appointed suites on different floors with s.w. & s.e. exposures. Features 2 bdrm + fam.+ lge balcony 23'x5' 2½ baths, 2 park. + more.
SKYMARK I — Drastically reduced for fast sale. Corner beautiful 2br+family+lge solarium+Balcony, panoramic view, 2 parking.
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Mackenzie Collegiate student Marla Shaw (left) is congratulated by her supervisor Lois Nicholls of Branson Hospital. Also seen are the principl Lynne Hindle and cooperative program coordinator Nina Szymanska.

Cooperative education program supervisors feted

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The staff and students of the cooperative education program at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute met recently at an appreciation breakfast to honor the supervisors of this unique method of learning.

Students who participate can study and gain credits both in the school and at a placement in the community where they gain first-hand experience at the workplace.

Nina Szymanska, who coordinates the program at Mackenzie says she watched the 29 students who participated in this year's program "bloom — each one of them has grown." She adds that everyone gains from this program.

The program attracted students who were considering careers in engineering, computers, medicine, early childhood education, theatre, law and advertising.

The students, she explains, have a first hand opportunity to explore their chosen careers. "They develop skills and discover whether this is the field they wish to enter and it helps them to understand and appreciate the world of work."

Marla Shaw, a 17-year-old, grade 11 student, who is considering a medical or paramedical career, worked at the Branson Hospital. During her placement, she rotated between the occupational therapy, cardiac stress testing and medical imaging departments.

"It's great," says Shaw. "It gave me hands-on experience. In occupational therapy, I was responsible for my own patient under minimal supervision. It's a great experience and I'd recommend the co-op program to students in all subject areas."

And her supervisors were delighted as well. Lois Nicholls, Branson Hospital's director of occupational therapy told The CJN, "I think the program is excellent. Students don't usually get a chance to taste the work force — in the actual setting. It gives the student direction. I enjoyed it and I'd do it again in a minute."

Appreciation was expressed by the principal, Lynne Hindel, who said "the co-op program is flying at Mackenzie — it makes this a better school."

Some of the training stations included the Columbus Centre, Solar Stage Northstar Theatre, Olympic Leather Fashions Ltd., Rogers Cable, Associated Hebrew Schools, Limelight Dinner Theatre, York Finch General Hospital, Norr Partnership, York University, Sheppard Celebrity Travel, G. Sachs Real Estate, Eaton's, Fairweather, Faywood Public School, the Ministry of the Environment and others.

The students served as dental assistants, travel counsellors, teacher's aids, computer programmers, broadcast announcers, automotive mechanics, and other diversified occupations.

Supervisors from the work placements who attended the breakfast complimented the students on their "conscientious efforts."

Deborah Fallick, a student in the co-op program who was training at the Muki Baum Treatment Centre for multi-handicapped young people, expressed her gratitude for the experience she received at the Centre.

Her parents were also on hand and they praised the North York Board of Education for "their leadership and vision" in allowing students to see the entire picture, "the good, the mundane and the tedious."

Lawyer Anne Silverman who supervised Melissa Byer as a law clerk told The CJN, "I enjoy having the students — Melissa even came to court with me."

The students were presented with certificates.

The cooperative education program will be expanded next season at Mackenzie Collegiate.

Israeli therapeutic institute offers "ulpan in living"

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Summit, a residential treatment centre for emotionally disturbed adolescents and young adults in Israel, offers a parallel therapeutic program for English-speakers.

At present there are 85 people in the centre, including a 24-year-old woman from Hamilton and a 17-year-old girl from Toronto, says admissions director Marvin Berman.

Located in Jerusalem's Baka neighborhood, the institute is also designed for those with some type of learning disability who are not working to their full potential.

Founded in 1973, the program aims to develop pre-vocational skills. Berman, a psychologist with a PhD from Temple University in Philadelphia, calls the pioneering Israeli approach an "ulpan in living."

Accompanying this philosophy is building self-confidence. Many of these kids, says Berman, have not benefited from years in the Canadian/American health care system.

They have experienced the "double pressure" of being Jewish and handicapped, and need a "new environment, a new chance, to be taken out of their pressure cooker."

The adolescents and young adults undergoing treatment at Summit are divided into five units — three for the Israelis and two for patients from overseas.

The Israelis are further divided into outpatient, 24-hour residential and group home programs. The foreigners are split into a 6-person independent centre for the higher functioning and an 18-patient residential program for those with psychiatric difficulties. All programs keep kosher kitchens.

Both components of this North American therapeutic community benefit from a year or two spent living away from their parents and homes, says Berman. The average length of stay is 18 to 24 months, by which time one should graduate to be capable of independent living.

At Summit patients get "regular reinforcement of successfully dealing with life." Most "alumni" hold jobs in the regular work force, explains Berman, being employed at everything from office jobs to computers.

"Sixty-five per cent of those who complete the program don't return to hospitals for three years," Berman says, who tells of the 30 papers published in psychiatric and mental health journals based on research carried out by Summit staff.

OHIP pays a percentage of treatment costs, Berman says. Fees vary depending on the amount of psychiatric care required. Berman also recommends family therapy concurrent with the program in Israel.

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By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Elliot Levine is the stereotypical basement inventor who may make good soon, a example to others toiling away in obscurity in their own basements or garages.

The University of Winnipeg philosophy professor has patented and is almost ready to go to market with the Levine Air Screw, a gizmo which promises to greatly reduce the noise level of airboats.

The academic Levine has always been fascinated by water and boating. Growing up in Toronto he remembers using ground sheets to make sails for his canoes and trying to build a miniature submarine which unfortunately took in too much water. The Levine Air Screw was 15 years in development using homemade equipment and with no large government grants to back it.

The idea germinated from Levine's efforts to find ways to improve his sailboat. "I was driving home from a ski trip and thinking about it," he recalls. "I got home at 8 in the evening, took some model airplane propellers and an old engine I had laying around and built a propeller testing unit in my basement. I was up testing until 5 a.m."

Outdoor tests followed in his backyard as he built a rotary testing bed and ran the propellers around it. "On the 70th or 80th spin, there was suddenly no sound," he recalls. "I thought the propellers blew away."

What he had discovered, and which has been confirmed by the University of Toronto and a joint study conducted by NASA and an American lab, was that two propellers spaced equidistantly, cut down dramatically on noisy vibrations and improve energy efficiency.

Levine spent years testing his theories and finding the right spacing. He even rigged a car with propellers (a sight which undoubtedly raised a few eyebrows) as part of the testing process. Originally he thought his discovery might find a market in the aircraft industry but further testing indicated his system loses effectiveness at speeds over 400 miles per hour.

For airboats and hovercraft, the Levine Air Screw may be ideal. "There are many areas — nature preserves, grassy areas, swamplands — where airboats are currently outlawed because of their noise level," he says.

In spite of his possible impending success, the philosopher Levine has no desire to give up the contemplative life of academia. He enjoys the give and take with students and the art of teaching as much as he does the science of invention.

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